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HOUSE BILL NO. 645

Introduced by Honorable MONICO O. PUENTEVELLA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to separate the Ramonito Maravilla Sr. Extension High School in Barangay Estefania, City of Bacolod, from the Bata National High School in Barangay Bata, and convert it into an independent national high school to be known as the Ramonito P. Maravilla, Sr. National High School.

The Ramonito Maravilla Sr. Extension High School which was organized in 1999 by virtue of Resolution No. 772, series of 1999, of the Bacolod City School Board, exists under the auspices of the Bata National High School. It is located in Barangay Estefania and is situated facing East to Barangay Granada, facing Southwest to Barangay Villamonte, Northwest to Barangay Bata, West to Barangay Mandalagan, and South to Barangay Villa Alegre, Bacolod City. It sits in a two hectare lot donated by the Maravilla family subject to a condition that the extension school will be converted into a national high school. At present, it has a total number of one hundred four (104) first year students.

The nearest public secondary school to Barangay Estefania is the Emiliano Lizares National High School which is located East in Barangay Granada is seven (7) kilometers away more or less, while the Bacolod City National High School located in Barangay Taculing is about ten (10) kilometers, which necessitates three jeepney rides for a student from Estefania to reach the school.

The economic profile of Barangay Estefania show that 67% of the population fall below the poverty threshold and this corresponds to those who cannot afford to send their children to private schools.

The conversion of the Ramonito Maravilla Sr. Extension High School into an independent national high school will to a large extend bring benefit to the youth of Barangay Estefania as this step will assure them the opportunity to complete secondary education proper and enable them to acquire such education right in their place of residence. Moreover, parents will be relieved from the burden of additional

cost of transportation and meal allowances of students, and will insulate their children from the hazard that may be incurred by being enrolled in a school outside their barangay, especially in times of increment weather.

But the paramount consideration of this proposed measure is to achieve compliance by the State of its avowed mandate to make education accessible to all, especially to the youth whose role the State recognizes as vital to nation building. Education, as universally conceded, remains to be the best instrument for human liberation and development.

It is therefore earnestly requested that this measure be approved.

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AN ACT
SEPARATING THE RAMONITO MARAVILLA, SR. EXTENSION HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ESTEFANIA, CITY OF BACOLOD, FROM THE BATA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BATA, AND CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE RAMONITO P. MARAVILLA, SR. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. The Ramonito Maravilla Sr. Extension High School in Barangay Estefania, City of Bacolod, is hereby separated from the Bata National High School in Barangay Bata, and converted into a separate and independent national high school to be known as the Ramonito P. Maravilla, Sr. National High School.

SEC. 2. The school shall offer secondary education proper as well as secondary science courses to carry out its objectives as may be authorized by the Secretary of the Department of Education.

SEC. 3. The Department of Education shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 4. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Ramonito Maravilla Sr. Extension High School are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Ramonito P. Maravilla, Sr. National High School.

SEC. 5. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriation Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,