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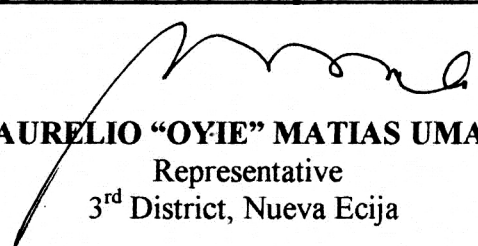
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The importance of education to human resource development finds its strength in the Constitution, Section I Article XIV of the Charter states:

"The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Studies have shown that the accessibility of education in urban areas is not much of a predicament. The situation is however, different in rural areas. While the youth in these places are equally entitled to benefit from public schooling, they do not however stand on equal footing because of the inadequacy of educational facilities in the countryside. In a study conducted by the Department of Education, it was established that 1.6 million Filipinos are deprived of access to education because of lack of school buildings.

In this instance, the government must take stride to address the educational problems in all levels of society, strengthen its effort to reach out to remote areas, and make education available to all, especially the underprivileged in the countryside. It is for this reason that we are seeking the establishment of a national high school in Barangay Antipolo, Municipality of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija to be known as the Antipolo National High School.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY ANTIPOLO,**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABON, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA, TO BE**  
**KNOWN AS ANTIPOLO 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. There shall be established a national high school in Barangay Antipolo, Municipality of Bongabon, Province of Nueva Ecija to be known as Antipolo National High School.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.