

Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**  
First Regular Session

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1669**

**Introduced by: HON. HERMINIA M. RAMIRO**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The residents of Barangay Ozamiz (Guba) in the Municipality of Clarin, Province of Misamis Occidental, had been clamoring for the establishment of a nationalized high school in the said area. A generous resident has already donated to the barangay a lot containing a land area of three (3) hectares to be used as a school site. As a concrete gesture to this popular clamor, the local government of the said municipality has already conducted a feasibility study for the establishment of the said high school. The study reveals that the proposed high school can surely accommodate the annual average elementary graduate of three hundred students of which 75% belongs to the very low-income families, who cannot afford to send their children to private schools.

It is worthy to mention that the Constitution mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels and to take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. These mandates led to the enactment of Republic Act No. 6655 otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988". The government, in effect, assumes the responsibility of ensuring every Filipino youth, who has completed elementary education, to have access to secondary level of education through public high school.

The establishment therefore, of a national high school in Barangay Ozamiz (Guba), Municipality of Clarin, Province of Misamis Occidental, will not only be a concrete step to realize the noble intent of RA 6655 but also a timely gesture to the persistent calls of poor residents of this remote municipality, whose dire need of education has been barred by poverty.

It is also the persistent clamor of the people in the said municipality that this national high school be named after Congressman Hilarion J. Ramiro, Jr., whose impeccable public service record, as often cited by the people, could not just be consigned to dustbin of history.

In view of the foregoing reasons, the immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY OZAMIZ**  
**(GUBA), MUNICIPALITY OF CLARIN, PROVINCE OF MISAMIS**  
**OCCIDENTAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE CONGRESSMAN HILARION J.**  
**RAMIRO, JR. MEMORIAL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

**SECTION 1.** There shall be established a national high school in Barangay Ozamiz (Guba), Municipality of Clarin, Province of Misamis Occidental, to be known as the Congressman Hilarion J. Ramiro, Jr. Memorial National High School.

**SEC. 2.** The Department of Education (DepEd) shall issue such rules as may be necessary to carry out the provision of this Act.

**SEC. 3.** The amount necessary to implement the provision of this Act is hereby authorized to be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*