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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1778



Introduced by: **REP. PROSPERO A. PICHAY, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 23 April 1998, Republic Act No. 8628 lapsed into law converting the Surigao del Sur Polytechnic College (SSPC) together with its four branch schools into a chartered college and renamed it as Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College (SSPSC).

With the enactment of the said law, however, its secondary school in the Municipality of Bayabas was transferred to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and allowed only to remain and operate within the campus of the State College until it shall have been transferred to another location.

Like a new-born colt which wobbles on its legs after birth, SSPSC's secondary school in Bayabas is now experiencing the pains of transformation from being a component school to an independent entity. It must now join in the fray for funds appropriated annually to the DECS as it endeavors to absorb the ever-increasing number of students who hail not only from Bayabas but from its neighboring areas as well.

As a national high school, the said school would be able to maintain the quality of instruction it has been providing when it was still under SSPSC and sustain the number of class sections it used to have.

The 2.2-hectare lot on which the school is situated was donated by the late Solomon P. Lozada and his family with the singular goal of giving the youth of Bayabas, particularly those from low-income families, easy access to education. With the implementation of R.A. No. 8628, it would be lamentable to part the school from the land on which it was originally rooted on, aside from the fact that, the purpose of the land donation by the Lozada family will ultimately be defeated.

This bill thus provides for the conversion of the SSPSC Bayabas branch into a national high school and renaming it to Solomon P. Lozada National High School even as it prepares the youth of Bayabas for the challenges of the 21st century.

Accordingly, early approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

CONVERTING THE BRANCH OF SURIGAO DEL SUR POLYTECHNIC STATE COLLEGE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYABAS, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR INTO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOLOMON P. LOZADA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National High School.* The branch of Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College in the Municipality of Bayabas, Province of Surigao del Sur, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Solomon P. Lozada National High School.

SEC. 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the branch of Surigao del Sur Polytechnic State College in the Municipality of Bayabas are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Solomon P. Lozada National High School.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Solomon P. Lozada National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Department of Education and thereafter included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take fifteen (15) days after its publication either in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,