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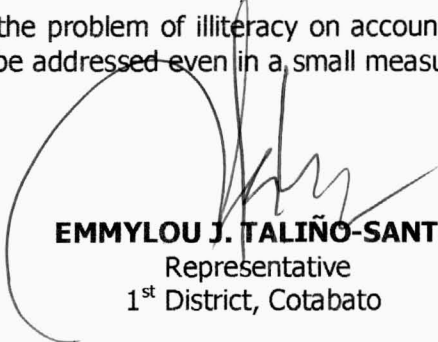
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the protection and promotion of the right of all citizens to accessible quality education at all levels. To this end, the State is enjoined to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.

Barangay Katidtuan, Kabacan, Cotabato is located some four kilometers from Kabacan townsite and five kilometers from Matalam townsite. Prior to the establishment of the Kabacan National High School Annex in Barangay Katidtuan, it has been a perennial problem in the Kabacan National High School and Matalam National High School of having over-sized classes since there was no existing high school in the said barangay or within the immediate vicinity despite the three (3) public elementary feeder schools in the locality - the Katidtuan Central Elementary School, Osias Elementary School and Datu Mantawil Elementary School. From these feeder schools alone, the average elementary graduates reach more than 230 in the last three (3) years.

Under the present set-up, the Katidtuan National High School Annex-Katidtuan is dependent on its mother school for its financial requirements and administrative support. This dependence does not favor the increasing demand by the students, parents and barangay officials for an independent high school as it affects delivery of the quality high school education. This conversion will also be beneficial to the school authorities and teachers who will administer the Annex with autonomy including its present student population coming from the feeder schools as well as those within the service area that includes Barangays Kilada and Poblacion in Matalam, and Barangays Upper Paatan, Malamote, and Poblacion in Kabacan. This is to prove the government's thrust in giving education its desired priority.

The approval of this bill is earnestly sought in order that the problem of illiteracy on account of lack of a school, not to mention, accessible quality education, will be addressed even in a small measure.


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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE KABACAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ANNEX IN KATIDTUAN,
KABACAN, COTABATO INTO A SEPARATE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN
AS THE KATIDTUAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING
FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. The Kabacan National High School Annex located in Barangay Katidtuan, Kabacan, Province of Cotabato, is hereby converted into a separate national high school to be known as the Katidtuan National High School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, records, assets and properties, such as building sites and improvements thereof, obligations and liabilities, funds and appropriations of the Kabacan National High School Annex - Katidtuan are hereby transferred to the Katidtuan National High School.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall promulgate and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary to carry out the implementation of this Act shall be charged against the current year's appropriations of the Kabacan National High School Annex - Katidtuan. Thereafter, the appropriations necessary for the operation and maintenance of the Katidtuan National High School shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED: _____.