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Quezon City

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**

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**HOUSE BILL NO. 2117**

**INTRODUCED BY CONGRESSMAN ANTONIO H. CERILLES**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

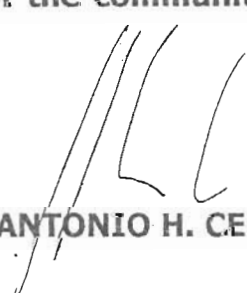
The establishment of a National High School in Barangay Balintawak in the Municipality of Margosatubig, Province of Zamboanga del Sur, is timely. It responds the on-going education program of government to provide adequate and attainable opportunities to young people in the far-flung areas.

Barangay Balintawak and its neighboring barangays comprise a service area where the needs for a high school is long felt. The proposed national High School is 15 kilometers away from barangay Poblacion where a high school is situated. Yearly a sizable number of elementary graduates are unable to pursue secondary education because of the location and limited number of high schools in the vicinity. As the greater mass of the families are poor private education become prohibitive to them. Most young people, after graduation from elementary, either idle away their time or take up traditionally unrewarding endeavors. To them, the vicious cycle of poverty begins early as they are unable to cash in on the new opportunities which progress brings. In the process, the vicinity suffers from not having a wide reserve of young men educated and trained either outrightly at the second level or eventually at the tertiary level to match manpower needs as service area grow.

The need for the education to raise the over-all of command life further underlies the importance of this measure. A progressive kind of education oriented towards both job skills and values such as that provided by the national government, people, can indeed lift community life to a comfortable level.

With the establishment of a National High School the government will bring a new vigor to community life in Barangay Balintawak and its neighboring barangays.

**As education is the core to the progress of the community, early approval of this bill is urgently requested.**

  
**HON. ANTONIO H. CERILLES**

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALINTAWAK**  
**IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MARGOSATUBIG , PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA**  
**DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS BALINTAWAK NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

*Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a National High School in Barangay Balintawak, Municipality of Margosatubig, Province of Zamboanga del Sur to be known as **Balintawak National High School**.*

*Section 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, the sum needed for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.*

*Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.*

*Approved.*