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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2149

Introduced by **HONORABLE ANTONIO R. FLOIRENDO JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is wisdom and wisdom is wealth. It should be made available to all. The difference lies, however, in the financial capacity of the less fortunate individuals to acquire the same. At this juncture, the government should come into rescue by giving equal opportunities to those who cannot afford the escalating costs of a good secondary education just like the school children of Villarica and its neighboring barangays namely: Kinawitnon, Calidlic, Tambo and Camudmud of the Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte. The establishment of a secondary school in Villarica for its elementary school graduates would transform this equal opportunity proposition into a reality.

The government is bound to provide education because education is not a mere privilege but a right of every citizen as embodied in our Constitution. Thus, Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution provides that –

"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."

Moreover, Republic Act No. 6655, otherwise known as the "Free Secondary Education Act of 1988" guarantees the efficient and effective implementation of the State's policy of providing free secondary education.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this bill be passed as early as possible.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY VILLARICA,
ISLAND GARDEN CITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO
BE KNOWN AS VILLARICA 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. *Establishment of National High School* - There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Brgy. Villarica, Island Garden City of Samal, Province of Davao del Norte to be known as the Villarica National High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Villarica National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* - The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

Approved,