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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2152

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create a national high school in Barangay Mabunao in the City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte to be known as the Mabunao National High School.

Located 18 kilometers away from the poblacion area, Brgy. Mabunao is an agricultural community wherein the only means of transportation are a few public utility jeepneys and motorcycles locally known as "skylab." This far-flung barangay is home to more than 300 children aged 7-12 and more than 3,000 adults and young adults.

There are at four (4) existing elementary schools in the neighboring barangays, situated within three (3) to six (6) kilometer radius from Brgy. Mabunao. Graduates of these schools would likely turn to the proposed national high school in Brgy. Mabunao as the present private and public secondary schools are inaccessible due to their distance.

To many, college is somewhat beyond their reach since local youths, mostly coming from poor families, opt to either look for whatever menial jobs available in and outside the locality or attend to their respective family farms after graduating from high school.

It is therefore of utmost importance to establish an educational institution, which will grant the youth their right to obtain a free yet competitive and practical secondary education. Likewise, this would transform into reality the Constitutional mandate stated in Section 1 of Article XIV of the Constitution 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.

In view hereof, the early passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MABUNAO, CITY OF PANABO, PROVINCE OF DAVAO DEL NORTE, TO BE KNOWN AS MABUNAO NATIONAL 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. Mabunao, City of Panabo, Province of Davao del Norte to be known as the Mabunao National High School.

SEC. 2. *Curriculum*. - In addition to the regular secondary curriculum that the school shall provide, it shall also offer special vocational courses as may be authorized by the Department of Education.

SEC. 3. *Appropriations*. - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Mabunao National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the 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 effect upon its approval.

Approved,