

House of Representatives
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Quezon City

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 2796

Introduced by Rep. ROBERTO C. CAJES, Rep. EDGAR M. CHATTO &
Rep. ELADIO M. JALA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to restore the name of BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL and repealing for the purpose Republic Act No. 8016, otherwise known as the "AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (BNHS) IN TAGBILARAN CITY, PROVINCE OF BOHOL, TO DR. CECILIO PUTONG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL".

During the 11th Congress, then Representatives Ernesto F. Herrera and Erico B. Aumentado together with Representative Eladio M. Jala, all from the province of Bohol had sponsored a bill earnestly seeking for the restoration of the name of BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL due to the strong public clamor of the Boholano people against the implementation of RA 8016. Accordingly, then Senator Raul S. Roco sponsored a bill repealing the same. Unfortunately, however, the said proposed measure was vetoed by then President Joseph Estrada for unknown reasons.

To this very end, the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Bohol, the Sangguniang Panglunsod of Tagbilaran City where the institution is located, the Bohol National High School faculty and staff, the Bohol National High School Alumni Association living in Bohol and in the United States, the Bohol Association in Metro Manila, the local media and the various community leaders in the Province of Bohol were leading the public opposition.

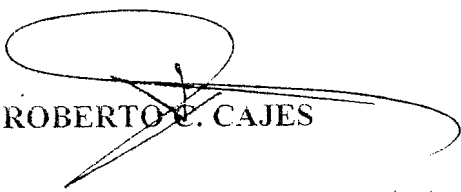
The arguments of the opposition may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. The Bohol National High School is the only government owned high school in the city of Tagbilaran and the Province of Bohol that is bearing the inspiring name of Bohol;
2. The Bohol National High School was founded in 1905 as the then Bohol High School. It was Nationalized in 1977 under Presidential Decree 1050 as the Bohol's premier public secondary high school in recognition of its contribution to nation-building and having produced outstanding leaders of the nation lead by the late President Carlos P. Garcia and others who

became senators, assemblymen, congressmen, governors, judges and justices and cabinet members, among others. Thus, The Bohol National High School is already part of the rich Boholano heritage and national patrimony;

3. There was no public hearing being conducted where the leaders of the Boholano people and the Bohol National High School administration were only invited to air their views on HB 10436 by then Representative Isidro Zarraga;
4. They join the Boholano people in giving tribute to Dr. Cecilio Putong and honor him in other appropriate ways without changing the name of the Bohol National High School which has become a priceless legacy and heritage of the Boholano people; and
5. The change of the name to Dr. Cecilio Putong National High School could lead to confusion and chaos in the school records, uniforms, logo and emblem, among others. It also removes the strong ties of the alumni, the students, their parents and teachers to the institution which is renowned as the Bohol National High School, and thus, implementation of RA 8061 could trigger rank demoralization therein.

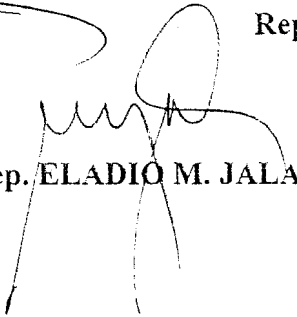
In the light of the foregoing consideration, the speedy passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT REPEALING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8016, RESTORING THE NAME
BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

SECTION 1. Republic Act No. 8016 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. The name BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL is hereby
restored. Any reference to the previous name of Dr. Cecilio Putong National High
School shall be construed as referring to the BOHOL NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
in accordance with this Act.

SECTION 3. The Act shall take effect 15 days after its publication in the
Official Gazette.

Approved,