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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution of the Philippines, under Paragraph 2, Section 2 of Article XIV, provides:

“Establish, maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels. Without limiting the natural right of parents to rear the children, elementary education is compulsory for all children of school age.”

In pursuance to the abovequoted provision, the bill seeks to establish a science and technology high school in Barangay Galutan, Municipality of Catarman, Northern Samar. Moreover, the establishment of said high school is in response to the petition of Barangay officials, teachers and parents of five barangays, namely: Barangays Galutan, Hinatad, McKinley, Imelda, and Dona Polqueria, which are approximately 8 kilometers away from the nearest public high school in the Municipality of Catarman. In the five barangays, the number of annual graduates in elementary education is approximately 250 and only 10% of the graduates continue their secondary education. The parents of the other 90% could not afford to provide the necessary transportation and incidental expenses of their children in pursuing a secondary education far away from their homes. Unable to continue their studies, these drop-out pupils seek employment as domestic helpers so as to augment the income of their parents for their daily needs.

Northern Samar, considered as a depressed area, remains to be undeveloped due to the inability of school children to pursue higher education. The establishment of a science and technology high school in the said barangay is in conformity with the thrust of the Department of Education, Culture and Sports to enable high school students to acquire knowledge in science and technology to fill the requirements of the labor force of the different business establishments in the province.

A one-hectare lot has been donated by a resident of Barangay Galutan for the proposed Galutan Science and Technology High School.

In the light of the foregoing compelling reasons, approval of the bill is earnestly requested.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY GALUTAN, MUNICIPALITY OF CATARMAN, NORTHERN SAMAR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GALUTAN NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National Science and Technology High School.* -

There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national science and technology high school in Barangay Galutan, Municipality of Catarman, Province of Northern Samar, to be known as Galutan National Science and Technology High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriation.* - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Galutan National Science and Technology High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual 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,