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House Bill No. 3494



INTRODUCED BY HON. EDMUNDO O. REYES, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide the youth of Taguig and Pateros equal opportunity to a free and quality education through the establishment of a science and technology high school in Pamayanang Diego Silang, to be known as the **Senator Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Science and Technology High School**.

The land was set aside to house the proposed science and technology high school through a Deed of Usufruct between the BCDA and Department of Education Division of Taguig-Pateros. It gives the DepEd usufruct rights over a five thousand (5,000) square meter lot in Pamayanang Diego Silang.

The Constitution mandates that the State give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. Likewise, the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and mandates the promotion and protection of their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being.

Education is the great equalizer. Providing those who have less in life with quality education opens up an opportunity to be on equal footing with those who are financially and materially blessed. Education opens doors for our less fortunate citizens by providing better employment opportunities despite having come from humble backgrounds.

At present, there is no science and technology high school in Taguig and Pateros, giving our high school students less opportunities to be at par and competitive with their counterparts within Metro Manila. This predicament likewise deprives Taguig's and Pateros' youth from further exposure to information technology.

Taguig is the home of the Global City and host to premier government offices and learning institutions such as the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Energy (DOE), Polytechnic University of the Philippines-Taguig (PUP-Taguig), and Technological University of the Philippines-Taguig (TUP-Taguig). The establishment of a learning institution like the Senator Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Science and Technology High School would not only be a perfect complement to these institutions but would likewise create an ideal

partnership considering the technical support these institutions could possibly contribute to the Science and Technology High School.

Naming the proposed science and technology high school after the late Senator would be a fitting recognition to a gentleman who had dedicated most of his time in public service in championing the cause of public education. Senator Rene "Compañero" Cayetano is a product of the Philippine public school system having graduated from Pateros Elementary School, Rizal High School and earning the degree in Law from the University of the Philippines. Compañero Rene had also served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Basic Education. And during his incumbency at the Senate, he had already appropriated Fifteen Million Pesos (P15,000,000.00) for the initial construction of the high school, and another P35 Million to P50 Million of Sen. Cayetano's congressional allocation will be used to complete the construction of said school.

Also, the eventual establishment of an Information Technology (IT) Zone within Fort Bonifacio would create a great opportunity for employment. Opportunities for joint projects between government, academe and private sector will also arise.

Given the above, it is clear that the Municipalities of Taguig and Pateros will greatly benefit from the establishment of the Senator Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Science and Technology High School.

Moreover, Art. XIV, Section 1 of the Constitution provides that "the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens of quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

The new schools should ideally be established and built within the barangay or community where the students reside. Making education accessible to all will not only help the students save on unnecessary transportation expenses but will actually encourage them to seek and pursue the same because of its proximity.

For these reasons, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL IN
PAMAYANANG DIEGO SILANG IN TAGUIG, METRO MANILA, TO BE KNOWN
AS THE SENATOR RENATO "COMPAÑERO" CAYETANO MEMORIAL
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. There shall be established a Science and Technology High School in Pamayanang Diego Silang in Taguig, Metro Manila, to be known as the **Senator Renato "Compañero" Cayetano Memorial Science and Technology High School** under the Department of Education.

Section 2. The amount necessary to carry out the provision of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,