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THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. 3608

Introduced by **REP. BENASING O. MACARAMBON, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is the most potent weapon in a nation's defense arsenal. Indeed, it is education that provides the competent and competitive human resource base so necessary to assure national survival, lasting peace and sustained growth.

In recognition of education's primordial role in nation building, Article XIV, Section I of our Constitution mandates the State to "*protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education, and take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.*" In fact, to lend substance to this mandate, Republic Act No. 6655 has made it a government policy to provide every citizen with free public secondary education.

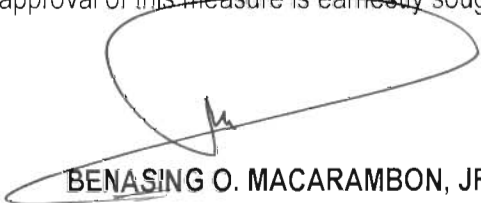
In keeping with constitutional mandate and with existing provisions of law, this bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay Balintad, Municipality of Ganassi in the Province of Lanao del Sur, to be known as the West Unayan National High School.

The residents of this remote Barangay of Balintad and its 36 adjacent barangays have persisted in requesting for a national high school because while elementary education is easily accessible in the area, secondary or high school education is a different matter altogether. The inaccessibility of high schools has, according to residents, occasioned the creation of a pool of idle delinquents who are easy candidates for criminality.

Indeed, most young people in barangay balintad and its environs manage to get free elementary education for it is abundantly available from the public elementary schools in the area. But the opportunity to pursue the next logical educational level is denied almost all of these elementary graduates because the nearest high school is quite a distance away. It does not help any, of course, that public, mass transportation is virtually nil.

This bill, therefore, seeks to establish a much needed National High School in Barangay Balintad, Ganassi to address the presently existing inadequacy and its dire consequences. Worthy of note is the fact that the officials and community leaders of the Barangay expect, with very good reason, that more than 500 students will troop to high school, once it opens its doors.

In view of the foregoing considerations, the approval of this measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CREATING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY BALINTAD IN THE MUNICIPALITY
OF GANASSI, PROVINCE OF LANA DEL SUR, TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEST UNAYAN
NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision and control of the Department of Education, the West Unayan National High School in Barangay Balintad in the Municipality of Ganassi, Province of Lanao del Sur.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be appropriated from the current budget of the Department of Education. Thereafter, the amount necessary for its operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,