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House Bill No. 4224

Introduced by Rep. TEOFISTO "TG" GUINGONA III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV, section 1 of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the rights of all citizens to quality education, and to take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all. Article II, section 13 of the same Constitution provides in part that "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation-building and shall promote their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being." It further provides in section 17 of the same article that "the State shall give priority to education ... to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development."

It is on the above Constitutional grounds, augmented further by the government policy adopted in Republic Act 6655, to provide every citizen with free public secondary education that the approval of this bill is being sought.

This bill seeks the creation of a national high school in Barangay Apo Macote to respond to the educational needs of the graduates of four (4) elementary schools located in the said barangay and its adjoining areas.

The establishment of a national high school in Barangay Apo Macote is a clear and present need of the barangay and its adjoining areas considering the fact that it is 29 kilometers away from the city proper, where secondary schools are concentrated. By virtue of this distance alone and the difficulty of traveling to and from the city proper discourages the around 260 annual elementary graduates and out-of-school youths in the area to pursue secondary education.

The residents of Barangay Apo Macote and its adjoining barangays are awaiting the realization of the said Constitutional provisions and the intent of R.A. 6655. They have already identified the possible sources of funding, obtained a land donation of 30,000 square meters as school site, as well as other requirements for the establishment of a national high school.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is urgently sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
IN BARANGAY APO MACOTE, MUNICIPALITY OF MALAYBALAY, PROVINCE
OF BUKIDNON, TO BE KNOWN AS APO MACOTE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established a national high school in Barangay Apo Macote, Municipality of Malaybalay, Province of Bukidnon to be known as Apo Macote National High School.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Department of Education shall promulgate and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,