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HOUSE BILL NO. 5610



Introduced by HON. MA. AMELITA CALIMBAS-VILLAROSA

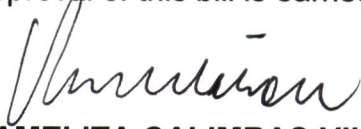
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to appropriate the amount of two million, five hundred pesos for the construction of a gymnasium and sports center in Barangay Alacaak, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Occidental Mindoro.

There is no denying that the fast pace of technological advancement in the field of computers and electronics brought with it immeasurable benefits to one and all. Nonetheless, there remain to be a number of undesirable effects that need to be immediately addressed for otherwise this technological phenomenon would, in the long run, be considered a bane and not a boon.

One such adverse effect of computers is the proliferation of virtual gaming opportunities that slowly drowns active sports in oblivion. The youth no longer enjoy traditional sports but get addicted to computer games instead. The health benefits of exercise that naturally come with sports is replaced with obesity that results from sedentary lifestyle coupled with junk food and soft drinks. Their visual acuity decline at an abnormal pace because of prolonged exposure to computer screens at their tender age. The values of camaraderie and sportsmanship are forgotten because our children no longer have the opportunity to interact with each other. Social skills have been deteriorating at an alarming rate and healthy competition will soon become a thing of the past.

This scenario will pervade the whole country in no time if not appropriately regulated and the needed support for traditional sports is not timely rendered. It is in this regard that the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GYMNASIUM IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The construction of a gymnasium in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Province of Occidental Mindoro, shall be undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Highways in coordination with the municipal government of Sta. Cruz which shall identify a suitable location therefor in Barangay Alacaak.

SECTION 2. The amount of two million, five hundred pesos is hereby appropriated for this purpose, charged to the said Department's current appropriation under the General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, expenses for the maintenance of the gymnasium shall be shouldered by the municipal government of Sta. Cruz.

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

Approved,