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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 863



Introduced by Honorable Arturo B. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Constitution mandates the State to provide free elementary and secondary education. With the implementation of Republic Act 6655 (Free Public Secondary Education Act), the number of students wanting to avail of this benefit has increased. But this magnanimity on the part of the State becomes useless in places where there are no school buildings and teachers to speak of, hence, the need to establish more public secondary schools.

There is an overriding need for the establishment of a national high school in Barangay San Rafael II in the City of San Jose Del Monte. While the current population of this Barangay is only placed at 10,969, its strategic location and accessibility, however, fully justifies the opening therein of a national high school that will further service the secondary education needs of four other contiguous Barangays in the City, namely San Rafael I, San Rafael III, San Rafael IV and San Rafael V, with a combined population of 54,054. All these Barangays constitute the United Barangays of San Rafael within the Sapang Palay Resettlement Project. There is no public secondary high school that services these Barangays, as such, students in pursuit of secondary education need to enroll in, travel to, and attend classes at State-run high schools in other Barangays of the City and other adjoining towns.

This bill proposes the establishment of a national high school in Barangay San Rafael II, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan. It is made in response to the clamor of its residents to uplift their social well-being and grant them convenient access to free and quality basic education guaranteed them by the Constitution.

The approval of this bill is, thus, earnestly sought.

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**"AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN
BARANGAY SAN RAFAEL II, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN RAFAEL NATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR."**

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of National High School.* There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay San Rafael II, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, to be known as the San Rafael National High School.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the San Rafael National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen days after its publication in the Official Gazette.