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Introduced by REP. MERCEDES C. CAGAS

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution in Article XIV, Section 2, Paragraph (2) mandates that "The state shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in elementary and high school levels."

Barangay Matti is the second largest barangay in the City of Digos, Davao Del Sur. It is noted that from the graduates of elementary each year from Matti Elementary School, only ten percent (10%) of whom manage to go to high school due to poverty. Without any existing high schools, students are forced to enroll somewhere else just to obtain secondary education.

The nearest public high school therefrom is the Digos City National High school. However, apart from high costs of education, the travelling distance from the barangay to the city is roughly four kilometers making transportation expenses, board and lodging and other related expenses additional expenditures to the cost of sending children to high school which could hardly be afforded by parents who are mostly plain laborers.

Further, the existing Digos City National High School is already cramped up with students coming from different municipalities of Davao Del Sur. With a student population pegged at almost eleven thousand, it is almost undeniable that the school can no longer accommodate anymore enrollees.

It is now more timely than ever that Barangay Matti should have its own high school through the enactment of this bill into law.

It is for this reason that approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE MATTI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
IN BARANGAY MATTI, DIGOS CITY, DAVAO DEL SUR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

Be it enacted in the Senate and in the House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

SECTION 1. There shall be created the Matti National High School at Barangay Matti, Digos City, Davao Del Sur;

SECTION 2 Matti National High School in Digos City, Davao del Sur shall be established under the direct supervision of the Department of Education.

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.