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HOUSE BILL NO. 1279



Introduced by Honorable Arturo B. Robes

EXPLANATORY NOTE

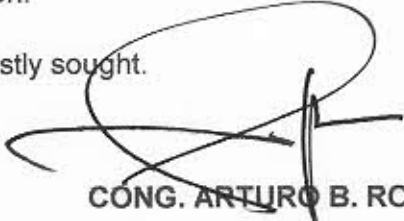
The Constitution mandates the State to provide free elementary and secondary education. With the implementation of Republic Act 6655 (Free Public Secondary Education Act), the number of students wanting to avail of this benefit has increased. But this magnanimity on the part of the State becomes useless 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 Muzon in the City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan. The most populated in the City, this Barangay recently serves as the receiving relocation site for a spill-over population of Metropolitan Manila numbering to over 4,000 families. This number drastically increased its population to close to over 150,000, from 149,000 in 2012.

The creation of such a national high school, for one, is an embodiment of the mandated provision for basic services contemplated under Republic Act 7279 or "The Urban Development and Housing Act". This law provides that resettlement areas shall be provided basic services and facilities for education. So that, while the spirit of this law is complied with via the creation of such a national high school, it will also ease the condition of students living in this Barangay who, in pursuit of secondary education, still crowds another existing government-run Muzon National High School which located more than five kilometers from the said relocation site.

This bill, thus, proposes the establishment of a national high school in Barangay Muzon, City of San Jose Del Monte, to be known as the "San Jose Del Monte Heights National High School". It is made in response to the clamor of its existing and newly-established 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 MUZON, CITY OF SAN JOSE DEL MONTE,
PROVINCE OF BULACAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE SAN JOSE DEL MONTE HEIGHTS
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 the relocation site of Barangay Muzon, City of San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan, to be known as the San Jose Del Monte Heights National High School.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operationalization of the San Jose Del Monte Heights 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.