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Explanatory Note

The responsibility to ensure that every Filipino youth who has completed elementary education must have access to secondary level of education rests primarily upon the government. In response to this task, Congress has enacted Republic Act No. 6645 or the Free Secondary Education Act of 1988. This law, however, will be reduced to little more than a gesture of good intentions unless adequate and proper educational facilities for the purpose are provided.

While the existing Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology's campus in the municipality of Lanuza, Surigao del Sur has helped develop technological expertise among the youth of the municipality, its conversion into a national high school will make serve even more youth who will be given the opportunity of availing secondary education after they graduate from elementary. It will help build a base of secondary educated youth who will have a wider range of option, other than technological courses after they graduate.

Its proposed name gives honor to the momory of the late Florita Herrera Irizari, a woman well-loved by her provincemates and a leader who proved to be one of the prime movers in the province's pursuit for better education.

Approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE SURIGAO DEL SUR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – LANUZA
CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LANUZA, PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
TO A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS THE FLORITA HERRERA
IRIZARI NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Conversion into a National High School.* The branch of Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology – Lanuza Campus in the Municipality of Lanuza, Province of Surigao del Sur, is hereby converted into a national high school to be known as the Florita Herrera Irizari National High School.

SECTION 2. *Transfer of Assets and Liabilities.* All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the branch of Surigao del Sur Institute of Technology – Lanuza Campus in the Municipality of Lanuza are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Florita Herrera Irizari National High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Florita Herrera Irizari National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SECTION 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,