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House Bill No. **3950**



Introduced by Representative LINO S. CAYETANO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution mandates the State to “protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education” and to “establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.” (Section 1 and Section 2, par. 2 of Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution)

Education has always been at the forefront of the nation’s priority agenda. Governmental efforts have consistently been focused towards realizing the goal of making quality education accessible to all citizens. In this vein, the role of the Department of Education (DepEd), the primary public agency mandated by law to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and to make education accessible to all Filipinos, comes to fore. For the ensuing fiscal year 2014, the Department has allocated the largest share of its budget to the National Capital Region, where population is most congested and concentrated.

The Department of Education’s efforts are mirrored and bolstered by the corollary efforts of the country’s various local governments. In particular, the City of Taguig has consistently focused its projects and programs and given foremost consideration towards extending quality educational opportunities to the people, especially the deserving and the underprivileged.

Undoubtedly, there is a real and continuing need to provide for additional public schools in the Philippines, one that is felt by local governments and legislative districts across the country. A great number of our youth is composed of poverty-stricken students, who, despite their hardships, remain to be hard-working, intelligent and courageous in the face of trials brought about by economic disadvantages. These bright and determined students must be given the proper venue to hone their skills and rise from the quagmire of poverty by equipping them

with the most important, essential and effective tool that life can give: quality and accessible education.

This bill thus seeks to give life to the above-mentioned fundamental right through the creation of a high school in Barangay Fort Bonifacio in the City of Taguig, to be known as “Gat Andres Bonifacio National High School”. Through this legislative measure, educational opportunities will truly be made responsive to the actual and present needs of society by equalizing said opportunities and making them available in both public and private institutions of learning. Through the passage of this bill, a better future will be on the horizon for the nation’s children, one that is free from the shackles of poverty, unproductivity and destitution.

In view of these considerations, the immediate approval of this bill is highly and earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY FORT
BONIFACIO IN THE SECOND DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF TAGUIG,
TO BE KNOWN AS GAT ANDRES BONIFACIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

Section 1. *Establishment of A National High School.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Fort Bonifacio in the Second District of the City of Taguig, to be known as “Gat Andres Bonifacio National High School”.

Section 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of Gat Andres Bonifacio 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 (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,