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HOUSE BILL NO. 4606

Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XIV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that it is the role of the State to “protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels,” and that it shall “take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.” Section 2 of the same article declares that the State “shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels.”

To fulfill such, this representation is eager to address the shortage of high schools within the Sixth (6th) District of Quezon City. Currently, twelve (12) public elementary schools send their graduates to only five (5) available public high schools.

Barangay Pasong Tamo has the largest land area in the District, covering 497.6 hectares. It also has the third highest population with 94,090 residents. Unfortunately, it is one of six out of the 11 barangays in the district without a national high school.

Pasong Tamo Elementary School currently serves 5,234 pupils. Upon graduation, these students face great difficulty in continuing with the secondary education leading to heightened drop out rates, given geographic, logistical and economic difficulties.

The construction of the Pasong Tamo National High School in the same barangay would be the solution to this problem. It can also decongest the ballooning number of high school students studying in Tandang Sora National High School and Sauyo High School.

The Quezon City Council, in Resolution No. SP-5875, S-2014, has also requested the Congress of the Philippines to enact a law for the establishment of this national high school.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASONG TAMO, CITY OF QUEZON, TO BE KNOWN AS PASONG TAMO 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 a National High School.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Pasong Tamo, City of Quezon to be known as “Pasong Tamo National High School.”

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Pasong Tamo National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations that may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers in general circulation.

Approved,