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House Bill No. **5744**



Introduced by: Hon. Celso L. Lobregat

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to create the San Roque National High School, in Barangay San Roque, Zamboanga City.

Education is the basic foundation of a civilized society. In order for a society to flourish, this basic necessity must be provided for by those who govern it.

True enough, imbued in our Constitution is the guarantee of "a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels." Education should be accessible to all and should not be held in abeyance. Education is the ultimate solution to poverty.

Presently there are two (2) elementary schools in Barangay San Roque, namely San Roque Elementary School and Salum Elementary School. These two (2) elementary schools are clamoring for the opening of a secondary school in Barangay San Roque since there are 486 Grade VI graduates coming from these two (2) schools. There is no National High School within the two (2) kilometer radius that will cater the Grade VII to 4th Year secondary students of Barangay San Roque. Though there is a Regional Science High School, a special secondary school located at Talungon, Barangay San Roque, this only caters to students who belong to the top ten of the class with 85% general average. Thus, it cannot accept all the graduates of San Roque and Salum Elementary Schools.

To this end, the creation of the San Roque National High School shall be a concrete act for the realization of this Constitutional guarantee, making education more accessible to the youth of Barangay San Roque and the surrounding barangays.

It is in this light that the early approval of this bill is earnestly requested.


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**AN ACT SEEKING THE CREATION OF THE SAN ROQUE NATIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL, IN BARANGAY SAN ROQUE, ZAMBOANGA CITY**

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

SECTION 1. The San Roque National High School, in Barangay San Roque, Zamboanga City is hereby established as a national high school.

SECTION 2. The San Roque National High School, shall offer general secondary education as well as technological and vocational courses to equip the youth with all necessary skills and knowledge for them to better cope with the challenges of life.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to carry out and implement the purposes of this Act.

SECTION 4. The appropriations required for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the budget of the Department of Education under the current General Appropriations Act (GAA). Thereafter, such sum as may be needed for the continued operation and maintenance of the school shall be incorporated in the annual GAA.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED.