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Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

First filed in the Sixteenth (16th) Congress by this representation, this bill seeks to fulfill the mandate of Article XIV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution which states 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 mandate, this representation is eager to address the shortage of high schools in the Sixth (6th) District of Quezon City. Currently, among the 6 congressional districts of Quezon City, the 6th District has the least number of schools - 12 elementary and 5 secondary schools only. With the full implementation of the Senior High School program, District 6 is one of the 3 most challenged districts of the City.

Per Department of Education data, as of academic year 2015-2016, 4,023 Grade 6 students graduated from 12 public elementary schools in the District. The five (5) public schools located in the district can only accommodate 2,491 or 61.9% of these graduates. Those who are not absorbed by the public school system will have to transfer to private high schools, enroll in public high school in the nearby districts or completely drop out. While access to public high school is already problematic, the quality of these public high schools is also at risk with 82:1 student-classroom ratio and 25:1 pupil-teacher ratio.

Barangay Talipapa is one of the barangays in the District that has no public high school. The 926 graduates of Placido de Mundo Elementary School for AY 2015-2016 will be absorbed by Ismael Mathay National High School, a school located in a different barangay, adding transportation cost and allowance to the daily burdens to the parents of these school children.

Recognizing this situation, the Quezon City Council passed a resolution (Resolution No. SP-6362, S-2015) requesting the Congress of the Philippines to enact a law for the establishment of this national high school.

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

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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY TALIPAPA, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS TALIPAPA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a high school in Barangay Talipapa, Quezon City, Metro Manila to be known as Talipapa National High School.

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

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.