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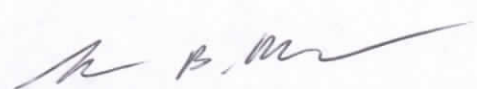
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

1956 marked the passage of Republic Act No. 1425 (An Act Providing for the Inclusion of the Life, Works and Writing of Our National Hero, Dr. Jose P. Rizal, in the Curricula of All Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities), which was a law intended to promote the value of love of country and nationalism among our citizenry, especially the youth.

This bill seeks to amend the said law by broadening the scope of such law to include the life and works not only of Dr. Jose P. Rizal but also including the life and works of other national heroes, by including the said subject matter in the K to 12 basic education curriculum.

The passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
INTEGRATING THE LIFE AND WORKS OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL AND
OTHER NATIONAL HEROES IN THE ENHANCED BASIC
EDUCATION (K TO 12) CURRICULUM, AMENDING FOR THE
PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1425, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Title.* — This Act shall be known as the “Integration of National Heroes in the K to 12 Curriculum Act of 2017”.

SECTION 2. *Declaration of Policy.* — It is the policy of the state to inculcate patriotism and nationalism, foster love of humanity, respect for human rights and the appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical development of our country, among others.

SECTION 3. *Integration of Life and Works of Dr. Jose P. Rizal and other national heroes in the K to 12 Curriculum.* — Henceforth, the life and works of Dr. Jose P. Rizal and other national heroes shall be included in the basic

education K to 12 Curriculum to foster appreciation of the roles of heroes in the historical development of the country, to enhance the commitment of Filipino citizens to the ideals and spirit of patriotism and nationalism which our heroes have lived and died for, and to promote the relevance of national heritage in the contemporary Philippine society.

SECTION 4. *Enrichment School Activities Relating to National Heroes.* — Moreover, enrichment school activities relating to the lives and works of our national heroes shall be conducted in our schools and shall be included in the regular basic education program. Such activities shall include quiz bees, essay writing contests, poster-making contests, and other similar activities.

SECTION 5. *Implementing Rules and Regulation.* — The Department of Education (DepEd), in coordination with the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and the National Board of Education, is herein tasked to promulgate the implementing rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. *Appropriations.* — An initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos (P100,000,000.00) necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 6. *Separability Clause.* — If any provision hereof is held invalid or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or provision not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

SECTION 7. *Repealing Clause.* — All laws, presidential decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 8. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved.