

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9158



Introduced by: Hon. Angelina "Helen" D.L. Tan, M.D.

AN ACT
RENAMING THE PANIKIHAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUMACA, PROVINCE OF QUEZON, AS THE PABLO L. MERCADO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to rename the Panikihan National High School in Gumaca, Quezon to the Pablo L. Mercado National High School.

The Panikihan National High School was established in 1980 at a multi-purpose building, called the "Bahay Nayon", of Barangay Panikihan, Gumaca, Quezon.

Due to the expanding student population over the years, new classrooms and facilities had to be built in order to accommodate more students and provide them with appropriate learning environment consistent with the aim of upholding the right of Filipinos to quality and accessible system of education. This requires a new location and a lot by which to build these facilities.

Realizing this great need of the students and the community, the late Pablo L. Mercado of Panikihan, Gumaca, Quezon did not hesitate to donate 6,213 square meters of his personal property in order to give young Gumaqueños, especially the poor, a chance to have a better future.

To inspire the youth and students of Gumaca and to instill in their hearts and minds the exemplary deed and contribution of the late Pablo L. Mercado, it is but appropriate to rename the Panikihan National High School into the Pablo L. Mercado National High School.

This initiative is not only to honor the kindness and generosity of a noble person who served his town unselfishly but to inspire the present generation of students and affirm the deep sense of appreciation and respect of the people of Gumaca to the late Pablo L. Mercado.

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

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

SECTION 1. The Panikihan National High School located in the Municipality of Gumaca, Province of Quezon is hereby renamed as the Pablo L. Mercado National High School.

SEC. 2. All assets, real and personal, personnel and records of the Panikihan National High School, as well as liabilities or obligations, are hereby transferred to the Pablo L. Mercado National High School upon the effectivity of this Act. All plantilla positions shall be retained, with the rights and security of tenure of faculty members and personnel therein employed under existing laws prior to the effectivity of this Act.

SEC. 3. All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

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,