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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL NO. 1058

Introduced by **HON. MUJIV S. HATAMAN** of the Lone District of Basilan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

International human rights law guarantees the right to education. The Universal Declaration on Human Rights, adopted in 1948, proclaims in Article 26 that “Everyone has the right to education.”

The right to education has further been recognized by a number of international instruments including the 1960 UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education; the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; and the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The same is enshrined and protected under Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution, which provides that “The State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all.”

Education is long recognized as an engine of growth and key to development in every society. In particular, education, according to the World

Economic Forum 2016, increases the efficiency of each individual worker and helps economies move up the value chain beyond manual tasks or simple production processes.

The bill aims to establish a Basilan Science High School to be situated in Isabel City, Basilan. With a population of more than 500,000 – 70% of which are attending school – it is now time to establish a science high school in the island province and finally allow its people to become significant forces of change in nation-building. Basileños will now be given the opportunity to be scientists, mathematicians, or engineers who will share their expertise and be part of the country’s pursuit of scientific, agro-industrial, and economic development.

The creation of the Basilan Science High School is aimed to support bright and talented students in the island province of Basilan who have been hindered by geographic and economic barriers to pursue a science-based education.

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


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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF ISABELA, PROVINCE OF BASILAN, TO BE KNOWN AS THE BASILAN SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a science high school in Isabela City, Province of Basilan, to be known as the Basilan Science High School.

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

SEC. 3. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the effectivity of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the implementation 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,