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HOUSE BILL NO. 1060

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 19, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution explicitly provides that “the State shall promote physical education and encourage sports programs, league competitions, and amateur sports, including training for international competitions, to foster self-discipline, teamwork, and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry.”

Sport is long considered a universal language. At an individual level, participation in sports is key to building a strong character and confidence. For the community, it brings people together no matter their origin, background, religious beliefs, or economic status.

Since sports can play such important roles, it is incumbent upon the government to promote and develop sports on a wide scale in order to achieve maximum benefits. As part of investment in high quality sports facilities, the bill therefore seeks to establish a sports academy in the province of Basilan.

The establishment of such will help young Basileños enhance their talent and potential in sports, and empower them to become the nation's prime athletes.

Basilan's very own pride Joey delos Reyes won silver medal in the men's duathlon of the 30th Southeast Asian Games. His success has become an inspiration to fellow Basileños to also compete in prestigious sporting events. The province has quite a pool of sports talents that needs guidance and training.

It is further hoped that with the Basilan Sports Academy, peace and unity will be fostered as the youth will be engaged in sports and friendly competition.

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



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AN ACT

**ESTABLISHING THE BASILAN SPORTS ACADEMY IN THE CITY OF ISABELA,
PROVINCE OF BASILAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the City of Isabela, Province of Basilan, a sports academy to be known as the “Basilan Sports Academy,” which shall be constituted as the primary sports development and training center for the whole province of Basilan and its neighboring towns.

Sec. 2. The Province of Basilan, in coordination with the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), shall take the necessary steps to upgrade, improve and modernize existing facilities, equipment and personnel, and integrate them into the newly created sports academy and training center.

The Provincial Government of Basilan, in coordination with the PSC, shall create the necessary training programs and competitions, as well as the system by

which the facilities shall be maintained and managed in order to accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Act.

Sec. 3. The construction, establishment and operation of the Basilan Sports Academy shall be funded by the Provincial Government of Basilan and such funds as may be granted by the PSC and by the Office of the President. In addition, grants and endowments may be obtained from local or foreign sources intended for sports development.

Sec. 4. Appropriations. – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's programs the operation of the Basilan Sports Academy, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 5. Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). – The PSC, in coordination with the Department of Education, the Provincial Government of Basilan, and the City of Isabela, shall promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act within ninety (90) days after its enactment into law.

Sec. 6. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,