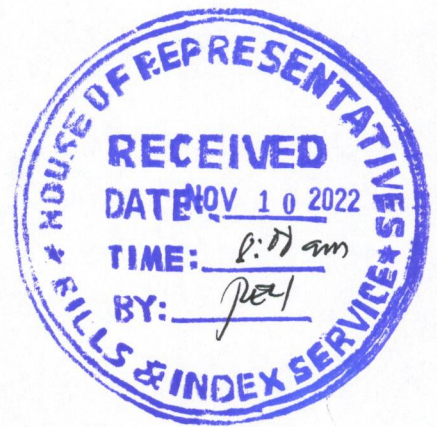




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HOUSE BILL NO. 6012



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE AURELIO "DONG" D. GONZALES, JR.

AN ACT
DECLARING THE DON HONORIO VENTURA STATE UNIVERSITY (DHVSU)
LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR, PROVINCE OF PAMPANGA
AS A UNIVERSITY TOWN, RECOGNIZING ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN THE
ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL IDENTITY,
AND ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BACOLOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) located in the Municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga as a "University Town" in recognition of the University's significance and contribution in the Municipality of Bacolor in terms of advancement of education, historical and cultural identity, and opportunities for economic development.

Established on November 4, 1861 by Augustinian friar Juan P. Zita, the "Escuela de Artes y Oficios de Bacolor" was built on a land donated by the Suarez sisters of Bacolor. Considered as the oldest vocational school in the Philippines, the Escuela's graduates were considered as pioneers and captains in the field of vocational education and industry. Some of their graduates became craftsmen and artisans who have solidly integrated themselves into the warp and woof of the national fabric.¹

Through the years, the Escuela transformed itself from a humble craftsman school to a State College through Presidential Decree 1373. Signed on May 5, 1978, it was renamed as the Don Honorio Ventura College of Arts and Trades (DHVCAT).² The conversion enabled it to offer new degree programs such as BS Architecture, BS Civil Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering, and Bachelor of Secondary Education, among others. The institution continued to grow as it was subsequently elevated into the Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University (DHVTSU) by virtue of

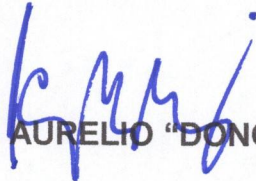
¹ <https://dhvsu.edu.ph/index.php/dhvsu/history>

² https://lawphil.net/statutes/presdecs/pd1978/pd_1373_1978.html

Republic Act 9832,³ and ultimately, into the Don Honorio Ventura State University (DHVSU) through the enactment of Republic Act 11169.⁴

For 161 years, DHVSU continues to play an important part in the history of the people of Bacolor. And as the University progresses with the updating of their programs and facilities, it has opened the doors for economic development opportunities in the municipality. The economic effects of DHVSU have contributed to the rise in purchasing power of the community, opened local employment opportunities, stimulate trade of retail, and increased the valuation of properties surrounding the University, among others. Its cultural, historical and economic significance that has been intertwined to the town is indeed noteworthy of recognition.

Considering the abovementioned justification, this representation seeks the passage of this meaningful piece of legislation.


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³ https://lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2009/ra_9832_2009.html

⁴ https://lawphil.net/statutes/repacts/ra2019/ra_11169_2019.html



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

SECTION 1. The Don Honorio Ventura State University located in the Municipality of Bacolor, Province of Pampanga is hereby declared as a "University Town" in recognition of the University's significance and contribution to the Municipality of Bacolor in terms of advancement of education, historical and cultural identity, and opportunities for economic development.

SECTION 2. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act, the Department of Tourism and other relevant agencies, shall promulgate the necessary orders and circulars for the proper implementation of this Act.

SECTION 3. All laws, rules, regulations, executive orders, proclamations, presidential decrees and other issuances inconsistent with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby deemed repealed or amended accordingly.

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

Approved,