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HOUSE BILL NO. 8692

Introduced by **Representative MA. VICTORIA CO-PILAR**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Through this bill, an e-library will be created at the Barangay Hall of Barangay Balonbato in Quezon City. Republic Act No. 7743, which calls for the establishment of "additional public libraries to serve all congressional districts cities and municipalities in the Philippines and reading centers in every barangay except in cities or municipalities where there are existing public libraries or in barangays where there are existing reading centers," is proposed to be addressed by establishing an e-library instead of a reading center.

An e-library with at least three (3) sets of computers with internet connection in the barangay halls could be a better alternative to opening physical libraries and reading centers, which could be expensive and only offer a limited selection of publications. These computers give users access to a huge library of online educational resources. Moreover, public libraries and reading rooms should not fall behind and make sure they have access to modern technologies as educational institutions move toward adding more recent (digital) kinds of instructional content into their databases.

In behalf of the people of Quezon City's Sixth District, and for the common good of the Filipino people, the approval of the said measure is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN E-LIBRARY IN BARANGAY BALONBATO IN QUEZON CITY 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 an e-library in Barangay Balonbato in Quezon City.

Section 2. The e-library established by this Act shall be located in the Barangay Hall of Barangay Balonbato, which shall have at least three (3) computers with access to the internet and shall be used exclusively for educational and research purposes only.

The use of the e-library shall be free of charge to the public.

Section 3. The amount necessary for the establishment of the e-library and the purchase of the computers shall be generated from the funds of the Department of Interior and Local Government.

The maintenance of the e-library established shall be the responsibility and shall be charged to Barangay Balonbato.

Section 4. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules and regulations, and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,