

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9274

Introduced by Representative Joseph Gilbert F. Violago



EXPLANATORY NOTE

No less than the 1987 Constitution enshrines that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development. (Art. II, Sec. 17) Moreover, 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. (Art. XIV, Sec. 1) Lastly, the State shall establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. (Art. XIV, Sec. 2)

According to the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Science City of Muñoz in the Province of Nueva Ecija has a population of 84,308 as of May 1, 2020.¹ The local government unit covers 37 barangays, including Barangay Palusapis.

With the growing population in the city and to ensure that the students coming from Barangay Palusapis and nearby barangays have access to quality secondary education, this bill seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay Palusapis, Science City of Muñoz, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be known as the “Inday Melencio National High School” – named after the former vice-governor of Nueva Ecija, Inday Melencio, who is also the generous donor – together with her spouse, Dr. Enrique Melencio – of the parcel of land upon which the proposed national high school shall stand.

Undoubtedly, the establishment of a national high school will benefit the growing number of secondary school students, as well as the faculty and personnel, since there will be a separate budget to be allocated for the operations of the proposed school.

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


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¹ <https://psa.gov.ph/content/2020-census-population-and-housing-2020-cph-population-counts-declared-official-president>

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
PALUSAPIS, SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ, PROVINCE OF NUEVA ECIJA
TO BE KNOWN AS INDAY MELENCIO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National High School.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Palusapis, Science City of Muñoz, Province of Nueva Ecija, to be known as Inday Melencio National High School.

SECTION 2. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of the Department of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Inday Melencio National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 3. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

Approved,