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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 151



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE GERALD CLOYD ALEXIS V. GALANG**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to establish an elementary school in Barangay Karuhatan, City of Valenzuela, Metro Manila to be known as Ignacio Doon Sr. Elementary School.

Under Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the State is constitutionally mandated to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education, accessible to all." In alignment with this national imperative, the City Council of Valenzuela City enacted Ordinance No. 1234, Series of 2024, formally recognizing the critical importance of this mandate. The ordinance further underscores the City's urgency and unwavering support for educational equity, particularly by honoring the exceptional philanthropy of Ignacio Doon Sr.

Mr. Doon Sr. voluntarily and freely donated the school sites for Karuhatan Elementary School to the residents of Barangay Karuhatan, a gesture of profound generosity that has significantly advanced the community's access to public education. This legislative action not only acknowledges Mr. Doon's selfless contribution but also reaffirms Valenzuela City's dedication to fostering inclusive and sustainable educational opportunities for its constituents.

Within Barangay Karuhatan, a primary school is indeed present, serving as the initial educational institution for local children. However, this institution faces a significant limitation, as it is not equipped to provide a fully comprehensive primary education that covers all required grade levels. Consequently, this necessitates that students residing in Karuhatan must travel to neighboring barangays to attend a different school to complete their elementary studies and receive the full primary education mandated by the curriculum.

Given the State's firm commitment to providing and sustaining a free education system for elementary students, a commitment underscored by the fact that this level of education is compulsory for all children within the designated school age range, it is imperative and entirely appropriate to establish a new elementary school within the community of Barangay Karuhatan, City of Valenzuela. This action directly supports the State's goals of ensuring equitable access to quality basic education for every child, regardless of their socio-economic background.

I hold a deeply rooted conviction that this particular measure represents a vital investment in our youth. It is my firm belief that by implementing this initiative, we will equip our young people with the comprehensive education they absolutely require. This educational foundation is not merely about imparting knowledge; it's about fostering the skills, critical thinking, and resilience necessary for them to truly develop their full potential. Furthermore, it is designed to empower them to transition smoothly into adulthood, enabling them to become not just participants, but active, productive, and contributing members who enrich the fabric of our society.

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



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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY KARUHATAN,
CITY OF VALENZUELA, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS IGNACIO
DOON SR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. Short Title. – This Act shall be known as the “Ignacio Doon Sr. Elementary School Act”.

SEC. 2. Establishment. - There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education (DepEd), an elementary school in Barangay Karuhatan, City of Valenzuela, to be known as the Ignacio Doon Sr. Elementary School.

SEC. 3. Appropriations. - The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the Ignacio Doon Sr. Elementary School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 4. Implementing Rules and Regulations. - Within ninety (90) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act. Such implementing rules and regulations shall provide for the school’s organization, administration, operations and management, in accordance with Republic Act No. 9155, or the “Governance of Basic Education Act of 2001”, Republic Act No. 10533, or the “Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013”, and other basic education-related laws.

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

Approved,