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HOUSE BILL NO. 6874



Introduced by REP. DENNIS "TOM" L. HERNANDEZ

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING THE MONTALBAN NATIONAL SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF RODRIGUEZ (MONTALBAN), PROVINCE OF RIZAL, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Philippine Constitution states that *"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"*.

Rodriguez (Montalban), Rizal is the Philippines' largest municipality in terms of population and it follows that it also has one of the highest student populations in the country. The mountainous municipality faces challenges in educational infrastructure, and lacks specialized schools for its constituents, particularly those in the development of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

The establishment of a National Science High School in the municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban) not only promotes education as enshrined in the Constitution, it also works towards one of the country's Sustainable Development Goals.

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

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

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* – This Act shall be known as the ***"Montalban National Science High School Act."***

SECTION 2. *Establishment of a National Science High School.* – There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a science high school in the Municipality of Rodriguez (Montalban), Province of Rizal to be known as Montalban National Science High School.

SECTION 3. *Appropriations.* – The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the construction and operationalization of the Montalban Science High School, the funding of which shall be incorporated in the General Appropriations Act of the immediate preceding fiscal year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

SECTION 4. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – The Department of Education shall formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Act, together with the Department of Science and Technology, and other relevant stakeholders within one hundred and twenty (120) days upon its effectivity.

SECTION 5. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason, any provisions of this Act are declared to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions thereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 7. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,