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Introduced by Representative Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In its Resolution No. SP-5875, S-2014, the Quezon City Council requested the Congress of the Philippines to enact a law for the establishment of a national high school in Brgy. Pasong Tamo.

Thus, on 05 June 2014, this representation filed this bill docketed as House Bill No. 4606 during the Sixteenth (16th) Congress. It passed Committee level, and was reported out by the Committee on Basic Education and Culture and the Committee on Appropriations under Committee Report 1013.

Article XIV Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates that it is the role of the State to "protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels," and that it shall "take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all." Section 2 of the same article declares that the State "shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels."

To fulfill such, this representation is eager to address the shortage of high schools within the Sixth (6th) District of Quezon City. Among the 6 congressional districts of Quezon City, the 6th District has the least number of schools - 12 elementary and 5 secondary schools servicing its population of approximately 531,592 as of 2015. With the full implementation of the Senior High School program, District 6 is one of the 3 most challenged districts of the City with the twelve (12) public elementary schools sending their graduates to only five (5) available public high schools.

It is therefore imperative that additional schools be established in the district to provide greater access to the youth for relevant formal education. The establishment of the proposed Emilio Jacinto National High School (with Senior High School) would be able to:

1. Allow for an alternative school to enroll for the elementary graduates from the nearby areas;
2. Decongest Sauyo High School and the nearby secondary schools in the district, and
3. Provide a public Senior High School for the graduates of Sauyo High School

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





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AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PASONG TAMO, QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA TO BE KNOWN AS EMILIO JACINTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Pasong Tamo, Quezon City, Metro Manila to be known as Emilio Jacinto National High School.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Emilio Jacinto National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

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

Approved.