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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides 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 education accessible to all. Section 2 (2) of the same Article, likewise mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

Mountain Province is among the least privileged areas and still one among the poorest provinces in the country today. Considering the role of education in spurring development, the establishment of a national high school especially in far flung barangays will definitely contribute to the overall development of not only the residents and the area concerned but also the province as a whole.

Barangay Mabalite is more than ten (10) kilometres from barangay Masla where the nearest high school is located, the Masla National High School. Worse, there is no public transportation plying the area; hence, the students have to walk for more than three hours just to attend their classes at Masla National High School.

Enactment of this measure will definitely help liberate the residents of barangay Mabalite, Tadian, Mountain Province and the neighboring barangays from the shackles of poverty and ignorance by catering to their educational needs.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this earnestly urged.


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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY
MABALITE, MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN MOUNTAIN PROVINCE TO BE
KNOWN AS MABALITE 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. Conversion into a National High School. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Mabalite, Tadian, Mountain Province to be known as Mabalite National High School.

Sec. 2. Implementation. The Department of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

Sec. 3. Appropriation. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Mabalite National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Sec. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,