EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides that "the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being." Article XIV, Section 1 of the highest law of the land likewise provides that "the State shall take appropriate steps to make such education accessible to all."

Education is the most basic social service that the government can provide the citizenry. It is an essential requisite for economic growth and the key to nourishing secure, healthy and productive individuals. This bill which seeks to establish a national high school in Barangay Maputi, Municipality of Banaybanay, Province of Davao Oriental is a vital step toward this direction.

A similar version of this bill which was drafted in response to the petition filed by the citizens of Barangay Maputi was previously filed by this representation during the 17th Congress. Support for this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY MAPUTI, MUNICIPALITY OF BAYANAY, PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL TO BE KNOWN AS MAPUTI 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. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Maputi, Municipality of Banaybanay, Province of Davao Oriental to be known as Maputi National High School.

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

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act within one hundred (120) days after its effectivity.

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

Approved.