EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 2, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides, in part, that "The State shall establish, maintain and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relative to the needs of the people and society."

The Bulwangan National High School – Talacay Annex opened many years ago to accommodate students from Barangay Talacay who cannot afford to go to a private school or had a hard time traveling to the nearest public high school. Being an annex of the main high school, it has very limited funding for its operation and maintenance, which poses a huge problem considering the yearly increase in the school’s enrollment.

It is for these reasons that the conversion of the Bulwangan National High School – Talacay Annex into an independent national high school to be known as James R. Bilbao National High School is earnestly urged in order to meet the educational needs of our constituents.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this is respectfully sought.

GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Quezon City  

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HOUSE BILL NO. **2258**

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Introduced by Representative GENARO M. ALVAREZ, JR.

AN ACT SEPARATING THE BULWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL – TALACAGAY ANNEX IN BARANGAY TALACAGAY, MUNICIPALITY OF HINOBÂ-AN, PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL FROM THE BULWANGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS JAMES R. BILBAO 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.** The Bulwangan National High School – Talacagay Annex, in Barangay Talacagay, Municipality of Hinoba-an, Province of Negros Occidental is hereby separated from the Bulwangan National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as James R. Bilbao National High School.

**SEC. 2.** All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Bulwangan National High School – Talacagay Annex are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the James R. Bilbao National High School.

**SEC. 3.** The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department’s program the operationalization of the James R. Bilbao National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year’s appropriation of the Bulwangan National High School – Talacagay Annex. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SEC. 4.** Within one hundred twenty (12) days after the approval of this act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

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

Approved,