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HOUSE BILL NO. _____



Introduced by: **HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN**

AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGGAY MARCOS,
MUNICIPALITY OF SANTA, PROVINCE OF ILOCOS SUR TO BE KNOWN AS
SANTA NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 1987 Constitution's Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes education as a fundamental right necessary for the growth of an individual and the development of society. It provides that the State shall promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make it accessible. It also provides that the State shall establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

The Local Government of Santa, Ilocos Sur, through the leadership of its mayor and through a Sanggunian Resolution, has deemed necessary to establish a public national high school in Barangay Marcos, the heart of the municipality. The current high schools established could barely accommodate the number of enrollees and are quite far from the center of the town. The proposed Santa National High School, shall cater to students from nine (9) barangays and would thus fulfill the Constitutional guarantee of making education more accessible to the people of Santa.

I earnestly hope for the approval of this bill.

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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 Marcos, Municipality of Santa, Province of Ilocos Sur, to be known as Santa National High School.

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

SEC. 3. Within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions 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,