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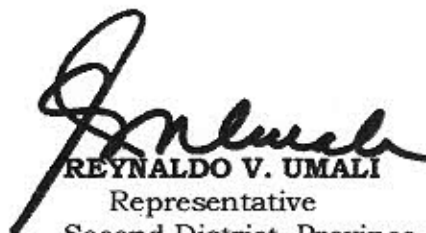
The fundamental law recognizes the importance of education. It mandates that the State shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all.

Presently, the perennial problem of insufficiency of funds to support the operation and maintenance of a national school is the predicament of the Fe del Mundo National High School. Its budget is not adequate to support the needs of its main campus. This financial difficulty is further aggravated by the need to support its extension, the Fe del Mundo National High School Extension, located in Barangay Don Pedro.

Thus, separating the Fe del Mundo National High School Extension from the main campus and converting it into a separate national high school will entitle it to its own budget allocation and endow it with the capability to accommodate more students from nearby barangays to provide them with quality education.

This bill seeks to implement the mandate of the State to establish, maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society. Through this bill, more children will have access to free education.

Hence, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


REYNALDO V. UMALI
Representative

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**AN ACT CONVERTING THE FE DEL MUNDO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
EXTENSION IN DON PEDRO, MUNICIPALITY OF MANSALAY, PROVINCE OF
ORIENTAL MINDORO INTO THE DON PEDRO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR**

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

SECTION 1. The Fe del Mundo National High School Extension in Barangay Don Pedro, Municipality of Mansalay, Province of Oriental Mindoro is hereby separated from the main campus of the Fe del Mundo National High School and converted into the Don Pedro National High School.

SECTION 2. All personnel, liabilities and records, as well as fixed and movable assets of the Fe del Mundo National High School Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Don Pedro National High School.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of Education shall formulate a program that will increase the capacity of the Don Pedro National High School in terms of student accommodation. The Secretary shall likewise issue the necessary rules and regulations for the conversion and operation of the Don Pedro National High School.

SECTION 4. **Budget Allocation.** The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged against current year's appropriation of the Department of Education. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for the continued operation and maintenance of the Don Pedro National High School shall be included in the annual General Appropriation Act.

SECTION 5. ***Separability Clause.*** Should any provision herein be declared unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of other provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. ***Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

SECTION 7. ***Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved.