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EXPLANATORY NOTE

In order to cater to the need for an educational institution at the National Housing Authority resettlement site within the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) compound where the informal settlers living along the railroad tracks in the City of Muntinlupa were resettled, the Department of Education, through the Division of City Schools of Muntinlupa, established the Itaas Elementary School – NBP Annex. When the school opened in June 2009, it only had a student population of around 3,000 pupils. Due to the distance of other schools from the NHA resettlement site, the school's student population almost doubled in just one year. Presently, the school caters to the needs of 5,185 students.

That Itaas Elementary School – NBP Annex is a very important learning institution serving the needs of children belonging to thousands of less fortunate families in the City of Muntinlupa is undeniable. However, in order to give it more leeway or elbow room to improve its services, there is a need to separate it from Itaas Elementary School Main and establish it as an independent public elementary school. In this manner, it will have its own budget that is separate from the Itaas Elementary School Main that it can work on to plan how it can best serve, and cater to, the needs of thousands of children living in the relocation site.

In view of the foregoing, passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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AN ACT

SEPARATING ITAAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – NBP ANNEX IN BARANGAY POBLACION, CITY OF MUNTINLUPA, METRO MANILA, FROM ITAAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS POBLACION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

- SECTION 1. Separation and Conversion Into An Elementary School. The Itaas Elementary School NBP Annex in Barangay Poblacion, City of Muntinlupa, is hereby separated from Itaas Elementary School and converted into an independent elementary school to be known as Poblacion Elementary School.
- Sec. 2. Transfer of Assets and Liabilities. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of Itaas Elementary School NBP Annex are hereby transferred to, and absorbed by, Poblacion School.
- Sec. 3. *Appropriations.* The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department of Education's program, the operationalization of the Poblacion Elementary School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.
- Sec. 4. *Implementation.* The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.
- Sec. 5. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,