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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The 1987 Constitution in Article XIV, Section 2, Paragraph (2) mandates that "The state shall establish and maintain a system of free public education in elementary and high school levels."

Barangay Tibolo in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz is located in a municipality called home by one of the largest resident populations in the Province. It must be noted that transportation from this barangay itself is only by motorized pedicabs or 'habal-habal.' Likewise, only a small fraction ever manage to go to high school due to the high incidence of poverty as the same is mostly crop dependent and have been frequently victim to our extreme tropical weather. And sadly, there have been recent instances of criminality therein such as theft robbery and rape, causing untold psychological pressures on the residents traveling the long aforesaid distances. Without any existing high schools therein, students are forced to enroll somewhere else just to obtain secondary education.

The nearest public high school therefrom is the Sta. Cruz National High school, a school in the far of Poblacion. However, apart from high costs of education, the travelling distance from the barangay to the city is roughly 100 kilometers making transportation expenses, board and lodging and other related expenses additional expenditures to the cost of sending children to high school which could hardly be afforded by parents who are mostly plain laborers.

Further, the aforesaid National High School is already cramped up with students coming from different municipalities of Davao del Sur thus undeniable that the school can no longer accommodate anymore enrollees.

It is now more timely than ever that Barangay Tibolo should have its own high school through the enactment of this bill into law.

It is for this reason that approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

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**AN ACT**  
**ESTABLISHING AND CREATING THE TIBOLO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**  
**(FIRST AND SECOND YEAR LEVELS) IN BARANGAY TIBOLO,**  
**MUNICIPALITY OF STA. CRUZ, DAVAO DEL SUR AND APPROPRIATING**  
**FUNDS THEREFOR.**

Be it enacted in the Senate and in the House of Representatives in Congress assembled.

**SECTION 1.** There shall be created the Tibolo National High School (First and Second Year Levels) at Barangay Tibolo, Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur;

**SECTION 2.** Tibolo National High School (First and Second Year Levels) in the Municipality of Sta. Cruz, Davao del Sur shall be established under the direct supervision of the Department of Education.

**SECTION 3.** The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment into law and thereafter.

**SECTION 4.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved.*