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INTRODUCED BY REP. MAXIMO, JR. Y. DALOG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 1, Article XIV of the 1987 Constitution provides that the state shall protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make education accessible to all. Section 2 (2) of the same Article, likewise mandates the State to establish and maintain a system of free education in the elementary and high school levels.

Lubon National High School – Mabalite Extension is one of the farthest schools in the municipality of Tadian, province of Mountain Province. It is about 25-kilometers away from the mother school with at least two hours travel time during fair weather and public transportation is rare. Before the opening of the extension school, students either opt not to continue their studies or walk for more than three to four hours just to attend classes in the nearest public high school in the municipality. In addition, considering the terrain and the weather conditions in Mountain Province, students and teachers alike find it very difficult to walk several kilometres to attend classes. These were just some of the reasons why an extension school had been established in 2011.

For almost eight (8) years, the Lubon National High School – Mabalite Extension existed as an extension school. Thus, its separation from the mother school would definitely enhance its capability to fulfill its mandate and contribute to the overall development of not only the residents and the area concerned but also the province as a whole.

Considering the role of education in spurring development, enactment of this measure will definitely help liberate the residents of barangay Mabalite and the neighboring barangays from the shackles of poverty and ignorance by catering to their educational needs.

In view of the foregoing consideration, approval of this earnestly urged.


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AN ACT SEPARATING THE LUBON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL-MABALITE EXTENSION IN BARANGAY MABALITE, MUNICIPALITY OF TADIAN, PROVINCE OF MOUNTAIN PROVINCE FROM THE LUBON NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CONVERTING IT INTO AN INDEPENDENT NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO BE KNOWN AS MABALITE 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 Lubon National High School – Mabalite Extension in Barangay Mabalite, Municipality of Tadian, Province of Mountain Province is hereby separated from the Lubon National High School and converted into an independent national high school to be known as Mabalite National High School.

Section 2. All personnel, assets, liabilities and records of the Lubon National High School – Mabalite Extension are hereby transferred to and absorbed by the Mabalite National High School.

Section 3. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of the Mabalite National High School, the initial funding of which shall be charged against the current year's appropriation of the Lubon National High School – Mabalite Extension. Thereafter, the amount necessary for the continued operation of the school shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Section 4. Within one hundred twenty (120) days after the approval of this Act, the Secretary of Education shall formulate the rules and regulations implementing the provisions of this Act.

Section 5. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,