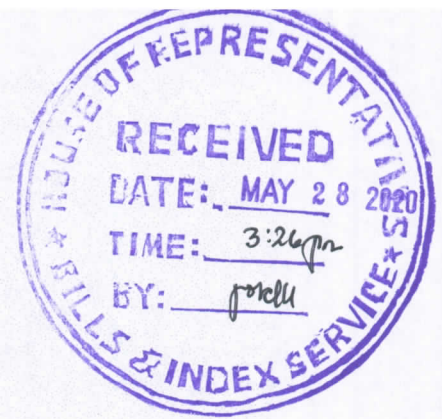Republic of the Philippines
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House Bill No. 6859

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Jose B. Lingad Memorial Regional Hospital, with an authorized capacity of five hundred (500) beds, currently provides medical services to residents of Central Luzon. However, inasmuch as the hospital is situated in San Fernando City, Pampanga, residents outside Pampanga who require medical assistance expend both time and resources just to reach said hospital. Thus, there is a need to establish satellite medical centers to ensure easier access to a health facility for residents of Central Luzon.
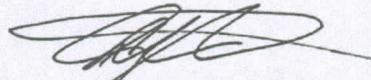
This measure proposes to establish the Joaquin Villanueva Hospital in the municipality of Bocaue to provide much-needed health services to residents of Bulacan, as well as other nearby provinces. It is envisioned to play a vital role in bringing government services closer to the people.

The center will be named after Joaquin Villanueva, a World War II veteran and Olympic sprinter representing the country in the Far Eastern Games for four consecutive years in the 1920s, who hails from the Province of Bulacan.

To wit, it is the State's bounden duty under Section 15, Article II of the Constitution to "protect and promote the right to health of the people," and Section 11, Article XIII to "adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable

cost." The passage of this bill paves the way for us to provide a safe and comfortable life for Filipinos, a vision we share with the President.

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

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment.* – There shall be established a Level 1 Hospital, to be known as the Joaquin Villanueva Hospital, with a minimum capacity of one hundred (100) beds, to be located in the Municipality of Bocaue, Province of Bulacan.

SECTION 2. *Administration.* – The Joaquin Villanueva Hospital shall be under full administrative and technical supervision of the Department of Health, which shall progressively increase its operating fund, upgrade its medical equipment and facilities, and construct the necessary infrastructure to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 3. *Operation and Maintenance.* – The Secretary of Health shall include in the Department's program the establishment and operationalization of the Joaquin Villanueva Hospital.

SECTION 4. *Appropriations.* – The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Department of Health in the annual General Appropriations Act of the year following its enactment to law and thereafter.

SECTION 5. *Separability.* – If any portion of this Act is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act or any provision not affected thereby shall remain in force and effect.

SECTION 6. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, rule or regulation inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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

Approved,