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ESTABLISHING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BARANGAY DON JUSTO
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall give priority to education. The Constitution further declares 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 such education accessible to all. The establishment, maintenance and support of a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education relevant to the needs of the people and society is a priority of the State.

Don Justo Abalos is a remote barangay in the Municipality of Umingan, Province of Pangasinan with no elementary school of its own. The municipality is located east of the Banila River which separates it from the rest of the downtown barangays. Students, who are residents of Don Justo Abalos, have to cross through a makeshift hanging bridge get to the nearest barangay offering public elementary education.

To address this problem, this bill proposes to establish an elementary school in Barangay Don Justo Abalos to make free education more accessible to its residents.

In view of the foregoing, the passage 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:

1 Section 1. There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department
2 of Education, an elementary school in Barangay Don Justo Abalos, Municipality of
3 Umingan, Province of Pangasinan.
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5 Section 2. The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the
6 Department's program the operationalization of the Don Justo Elementary School, the
7 funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act (GAA).
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9 Section 3. The Secretary of Education shall issue rules and regulations
10 necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.
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12 Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
13 *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,