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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PHILIPPINE SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IGUIG, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Education is a human right, this is enshrined in Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution, which states 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." Furthermore, Article II, Section 17 states that the State shall give priority to education.

The Cagayan Valley Region currently has one Philippine Science High School campus located at Bayombong, Nueva Viscaya, also known as the Philippine Science High School (PSHS) Cagayan Valley. During the recent years, the PSHS Cagayan Valley has seen an increasing number of enrollees. However, the school's limited facilities and human resources makes it difficult to cater to all the deserving enrollees without compromising the quality of education.

Pursuant to the aforementioned constitutional mandate, this bill proposes to establish a Philippine Science High School in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan to maintain, and support a complete, adequate, and integrated system of education that is relevant to the needs of the people and society. This would ensure that the youth of Cagayan and neighboring provinces are provided with accessible and quality education.

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In view of the foregoing reasons, 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:

SECTION 1. There shall be established a Philippine Science High School Campus
in the Municipality of Iguig, Province of Cagayan which shall be under the supervision
of the Department of Science and Technology.

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SEC. 2. The Philippine Science High School – Cagayan Campus shall be integrated into the Philippine Science High School System Act under Republic Act No. 8496, otherwise known as the "Philippine Science High School System Act of 1997."

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9 **SEC. 3.** The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, in coordination with 10 the Department of Science and Technology, is hereby tasked to administer and 11 supervise the establishment of the Philippine Science High School-Cagayan Campus 12 under this Act.

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SEC. 4. The amount necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be incorporated in the annual general Appropriations Act of the succeeding year following the approval of this Act.

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18 **SEC. 5.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the 19 Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

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Approved,