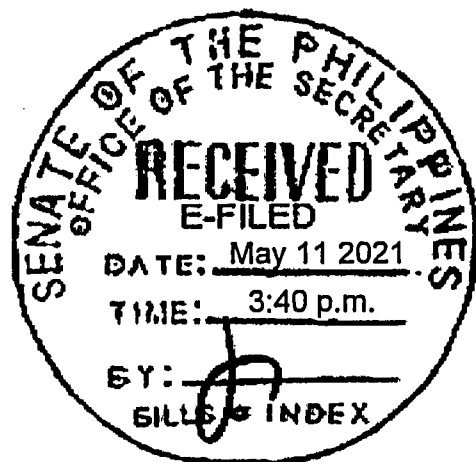


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article II, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution provides that, *"the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral spiritual, intellectual and social well-being."* Corollarily, Article XIV, Section 1 the Constitution mandates 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 Philippine Science High School system, much as it offers scholarship program in special science secondary education, should be made available to as many gifted students and to as many areas possible. Distance and family income should not limit or hinder the development of globally competitive Filipino scientists. As we usher our country into the next wave of global IT infrastructure and science economy, our declared goal of preparing gifted students for careers in science and technology is a national imperative.

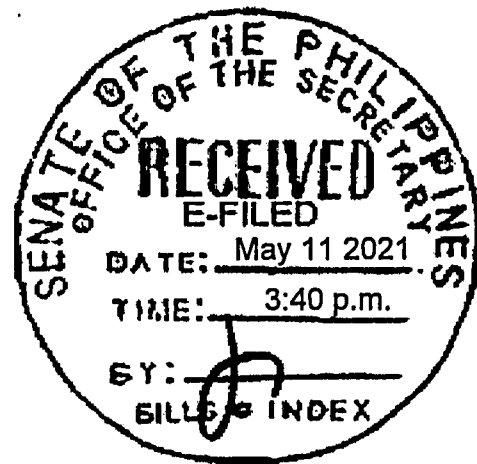
Hence, this bill seeks to establish a Philippine Science High School (PSHS) campus in the Municipality of Reina Mercedes, Province of Isabela. The establishment of Philippine Science High School (PSHS)-Reina Mercedes Campus will enable the qualified students to be equipped with proper training and facilities that will eventually lead them to a science career right at the heart of the Cagayan Valley Region.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this measure earnestly sought.


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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the
2 Department of Science and Technology, the Philippine Science High School in the
3 Municipality of Reina Mercedes, Province of Isabela.

4 SEC. 2. The Philippine Science High School-Reina Mercedes Campus shall be
5 integrated into the Philippine Science High School Act System under Republic Act. No.
6 8496, otherwise known as the "*Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System Act of*
7 *1997.*"

8 SEC. 3. The Philippine Science High School (PSHS) System, in close coordination
9 with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Local Government
10 Unit (LGU) in the Municipality of Reina Mercedes, Province of Isabela is hereby tasked
11 to administer and supervise the establishment of Philippine Science High School
12 (PSHS)-Reina Mercedes Campus under this Act.

13 SEC. 4. The amount needed to carry out the provisions of this Act shall be
14 incorporated in the general appropriations act of the immediate preceding fiscal year
15 following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved,