[REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9596, May 13, 2009]

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL IN BARANGAY PATAC, MUNICIPALITY OF STO. TOMAS, PROVINCE OF LA UNION TO BE KNOWN AS SALAPUNGAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

SECTION 1. *Establishment of a National High School.* — There is hereby established, under the supervision of the Department of Education, a national high school in Barangay Patac, Municipality of Sto. Tomas, Province of La Union to be known as Sto. Tomas National High School.

SEC. 2. *Appropriations.* — The Secretary of Education shall immediately include in the Department's program the operationalization of Sto. Tomas National High School, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 3. *Implementation.* — The Secretary of Education shall issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Act.

SEC. 4. *Effectivity.* — This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official Gazette*.

Approved,

(Sgd.) JUAN PONCE ENRILE

President of Senate

(Sgd.) PROSPERO C. NOGRALES Speaker of the House of Representatives

This Act which originated in the House of Representatives was finally passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 12, 2008 and February 2, 2009, respectively.

(Sgd.) EMMA LIRIO-REYES

(Sgd.) MARILYN B. BARUA-YAP Secretary General House of Representatives

Secretary of Senate

Approved: MAY 13 2009

(Sgd.) GLORIA MACAPAGAL - ARROYO President of the Philippines