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HOUSE BILL No. 2039

Introduced by HONORABLE BERNARDO M. VERGARA

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Medical Doctor Charles L. Cheng. It was first filed by Honorable MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN as House Bill No. 1022 during the 14th Congress. It was approved by the House on 2008-11-17, transmitted and received by the Senate on 2008-11-20.

Born of Chinese parents in Baguio City in 1932, Dr. Charles Cheng has been a permanent resident in this country up to the present. He is married to Katherine Bersamira-Cheng of Baguio City, and they are blessed with two (2) children.

Dr. Cheng finished his elementary, secondary and tertiary (AB-1956) education in Baguio City and his professional medical studies at the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila, in 1961. Since then, he has been a lifetime fellow at the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and of the Philippine Medical Association. He was the first grantee of a scholarship given by the International Planned Parenthood Federation- Southeast Asia and Oceania - to train in Singapore in 1965.

Dr. Cheng is the founder and medical doctor of the Baguio Filipino-Chinese General Hospital in Baguio City, a hospital that has served and is still serving well the people of the Cordillera and the neighboring provinces in North and Central Luzon.

His ardent desire to utilize his multi-farious talents in the service of Filipinos is gleaned from a number of his published works and activities, as follows:

1. Four (4) books authored by Lim, i.e., in relation to public health and three relating to historical research. One of his books, entitled "Pesticides: Its Hazardous Effects to Man

- (12) The Silent Killer Among the Women Farmers of Buguias and Kabayan, Benguet: A Comparative Study, 1994;
- (13) Common Intestinal Parasites among Medical Technology Students at the University of Baguio; and
- (14) Incidence of Intestinal Parasites and the Academic Performance of the Medical Students at the University of Baguio;

4. An acupuncture expert for many years, he applies such knowledge and expertise in the treatment of a number of illnesses and bodily misfunctions. His publications on this form of treatment are hereby enumerated, to wit:

- (1) Acupuncture and the Treatment of Common Ailments;
- (2) Acupressure as Fold Medicine;
- (3) Treatment of Common Ailments with Acupressure;
- (4) Acupressure Technique;
- (5) Electro-Acupuncture in the Treatment of Cancer Pain, 1987; and
- (6) other Researches on Acupuncture such as:
 - (a) Acupuncture in Bell's Palsy;
 - (b) Trigeminal Neuralgia Among Filipinos Treated with Acupuncture;
 - (c) Biostatistical Profile of Filipines Seeking Acupuncture Treatment;
 - (d) Herpes Zoster and Acupuncture; (e) Tinnitus Among Filipinos and Acupuncture;
 - (f) Diseases of the Joint and Acupuncture;
 - (g) Weight Reduction Through Acupuncture;
 - (h) Smoking Withdrawal Through Acupuncture;
 - (i) Hypertension and Acupuncture;
 - (j) Leprosy and Acupuncture; and
 - (k) Tongue Cancer Treated Through Acupuncture.

5. In the field of Sports Medicine, he has helped a lot of Filipino athletes throughout the years. The 2nd SEA Games athletes benefited much in terms of training. His publications on Sports Medicine published in a number of national and local papers are hereto listed:

- (1) Sixteen Years of Boxing Injuries in the Philippines, 1987;
- (2) Alcohol and Sports;
- (3) Running a Lifetime Exercise;
- (4) Heat Injury Syndrome Among Athletes: Initial Treatment and Prevention;
- (5) Improving the Physical Fitness Profile of Executives;
- (6) Diabetes and Exercise;
- (7) Maturity and Classification of Athletes;
- (8) Rope Skipping: An Alternative to Aerobic Mode of Exercise; and
- (9) Asthmatic and Exercise

6. A number of other publications dealing with the social impact of medical practices, medical technology, medical education, acceptability of herbal drugs, etc on the Cordillera people are available at the libraries and research centers of colleges and

universities in the Cordillera Administrative Region. A list of these publications follows, to wit:

- (1) Problems of Highland Medical Practice, 1971;
- (2) Motivations of Medical Technology Students at the University of Baguio;
- (3) The Public Perception of the Hospitals in the City of Baguio;
- (4) SLU Medical Student: His Motivation, Perception of His Faculty, Peers and Climate of Learning;
- (5) A Close Look into the Relevancy of the Philippine Medical Education by the Medical Students, 1979;
- (6) Characteristics and Perceived Problems of the Medical Technology Students at the University of Baguio;
- (7) Earthquake Injuries in a Secondary Hospital, 1990;
- (8) Economic and Social Costs of Panic Disorders in Benguet; and
- (9) Perception of Attitude Toward an Acceptability of Herbal Drugs among Allied Practitioners and Consumers of Baguio and Benguet.

7. International, national and local agencies and organizations have honored him with more than a hundred of honors and awards for his services. A few most important awards and citations embodied in plaques or certificates, are hereby mentioned, to wit:

Citation	Date Venue	Host Agency
(1) As President of the Baguio Filipino-Cantonese Association, 2000-2006	June 23, 2006	Baguio Hotel Supreme
(2) Promotion of amateur boxing to Roxas elementary School	July 17, 2006	Roxas Elementary School
(3) Dr. Jose P. Rizal Award of Excellence- Lifetime Achievement Award in Medicine and Community Service-Manila Times	June 19, 2005	Kaisa Heritage Center
(4) Most Outstanding Senior Citizen in Medicine and Community Service-September 3, 2005	September 3, 2005	Baguio City Government
(5) Lecturer during the Southeast Asian Games and Asian Pacific Congress on Exercise and Sports Sciences (APCESS)	November 21 to 24, 2005	International Scientific Conference
(6) Recognition for his continued and unconditional support for being the Chairman of the Community Council of Elders in the peace-keeping program projects of the Police Regional Office – Cordillera	February 25, 2005	Baguio City Government
(7) Kalagway 2005 for exemplary	February 25, 2005	

leadership, excellence and highly meritorious in the promotion of sports among the youth		
(8) Appreciation for being one of the judges in the selection of Outstanding Citizens of Baguio		
(9) Recognition for his active involvement in the Filipino-Chinese Spring Festival Celebration	January 20, 2005	Baguio City Government and Filipino-chinese Community
(10) Appreciation for his zealous participation in the promotion of Filipino-Chinese understanding and celebration of Spring Festival as Vice-Chairman to the executive committee	January 17, 2005	Baguio City Government and Filipino-chinese Community
(11) Recognition for the generous support to the Feeding Program, stool examination and deworming of the students of Roxas Elementary School from 2000-2005	March 22, 2005	Roxas Elementary School Parent-Teachers Community Federation
(12) Appreciation for the total commitment in the pursuit and ideals of the Rotary	November 10, 2005	Rotary Club North-Baguio
(13) Recognition as an active partner of the PNP in the campaign against criminality and promotion of peace and order in the Cordillera Region Camp Dangwa,	February 24, 2004/Camp Dangwa	NAPOLCOM-PNP-Police Regional Office(POR-CAR)
(14) Recognition for his unconditional commitment to the promotion of amateur boxing being the Regional ABAP-CAR	October 29, 2004	Philippine Sports Commission, Office of the President
(15) Appreciation for being one of the judges in the selection of outstanding citizens of Baguio	September 5, 2005	City Government of Baguio
(16) Active involvement in the Filipino-Chinese Spring Festival Celebration, a joint undertaking of the City Government and the Filipino-Chinese Community February 9, 2004	February 9, 2004	Baguio City Government and Filipino-chinese Community
(17) Appreciation for his zealous participation in the 94th Baguio	September 1, 2004	Baguio City Government

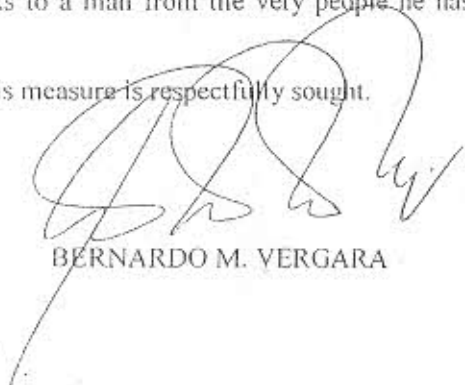
Philippine Wpmen's amateur Boxing Team where the Philippines ranked fourth among eleven competing countries in the First Asian Amateur Women's Boxing Championships	Thailand	
(29) Effectively Leading all chapter activities of the Philippine Academy of Physicians, Inc.	April 4, 2002	
(30) Service Award for 1993 to 2001	April 4, 2002	Philippine Academy of Physicians, Inc.
(31) Invaluable support and resource person on the Season Long Training on Integrated Pests Management (IPM) on vegetables at Loo Polytechnic College, Buguias	February 7, 2001/ Loo Polytechnic College, Buguias	
(32) Recognition for continuously devoting his time, effort, support and resources in the development of different sports in Baguio City which highlighted the inclusion of 5 lady amateur boxers to the Philippine National Team	September 1, 2001	Office of the President, Philippine Sports Commission
(33) Appreciation for the sharing of his expertise on the ill effects of pesticides on health during the Punong Barangay symposium in line with the Nutrition Month celebration	July 6, 2001	Baguio City government and Baguio Nutrition council
(34) Most Outstanding Citizen of Baguio - Millennium Award	September 1, 2000	Baguio City Government
(35) Recognition as the resource person on Clean Technology and Waste Management at Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University	August, 2000/ Bacnotan, La Union	DMMMSU, La Union
(36) Invaluable services supportive to the conduct of Potato Leafminer Management Training for Municipal and Barangay Task force	May 19, 2000/ Dept. of Agriculture Training Inst.- National Training Center, Loo, Buguias, Benguet	
(37) Dr. Jose Rizal Award in Medicine	May 18, 1999	Philippine Medical Association
(38) Recognition as resource person during the ANI-Network International Trainer's Training at the Agricultural Training Institute-	December 11, 1999/ Benguet State University	ANI-Luzon and Farming Organic Advocates

Marijuana among the Youth"		
(49) PMA-ABBOTT Research Award for "The Cordillerans: Earthquake Experience and their Psychological Sufferings: a Retrospective Study	May 24, 1991/ PICC, Manila	
(50) Appreciation for his Community Service	May 15, 1985	Rotary Club of Baguio North, Region 1, District 379
(51) Most Outstanding Physician for Community Service	May 28, 1984	Baguio City Government
(52) Special Service Award	December 4, 1984/San Fernando, La Union	Population Commission (POPCOM), Region 1, La Union
(53) Appreciation for his Meritorious Service	May 25, 1982/ PICC, Manila	Women's Auxiliary to the Philippine Medical Association
(54) PMA-CIBA GEIGY Research Award for "A Study on Drug Abuse among the Youth in Baguio and Benguet"	May 22, 1982/ PICC, Manila	
(55) Award of Service to the cause of MEDICARE Program from 1974 to 1979	September 20, 1980	Philippine Medicare Commission

In line with the strategies to solve many of the medico-social problems of the people of Northern Luzon, Dr. Cheng has accomplished five (5) major researches assigned to him by Population Commission (POPCOM) Region 1, Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHARD), Department of Health – Cordillera Administrative Region (DOH-CAR), and the Northern Luzon Research Council – researches that dealt on Population, Family Planning, Women's Health in the CAR, and Iodine Deficiencies in the Highlands.

A Chinese by birth, he has throughout the years considered himself a Filipino. Imbued with an innate love for the people he has served and is still serving, he is more Filipino than many Filipinos. In his septuagenarian years, he would love that the Philippine government grant him Philippine citizenship – a fitting gesture of thanks to a man from the very people he has willingly and lovingly served throughout the years.

In consideration of all the above, approval of this measure is respectfully sought.


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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
MEDICAL DOCTOR CHARLES L. CHENG,

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

1 SECTION 1. Medical Doctor CHARLES L. CHENG is hereby granted Philippine
2 Citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

3 Upon the taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the
4 Philippines, Dr. Charles L. Cheng shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine
5 citizenship.

6 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,