

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6487



Introduced by HON. JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Ms. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas, a Spanish National, was born in Manila, Philippines, on 4 July 1953. She has been a resident of the Philippines since birth.

As an entrepreneur, she showed her unparalleled love for the Philippines by setting up different companies that is engaged in exporting Philippine-Made Products. In 1988, she established a Philippine-based company, Design House Asia, whose sole objective was to promote the beauty and elegance of Philippine-made furniture. She promoted those products through several National and International Shows. In 1999, she also established "Kawayan", a Spanish-based company in Madrid, which showcase the best of Filipino made products. In addition, she started working with the communities of Nasugbu, Batangas to help the locals with their designs and development of their products. For this purpose, she restored an old house to serve as the venue where prospective locals do their training. In order to help provide livelihood to Filipino workers, Ms. Roxas always prioritize hiring Filipinos over other foreign nationals.

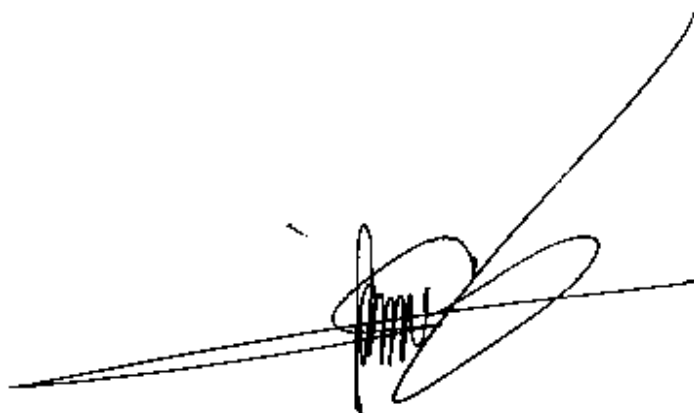
Above all her exemplary roster of achievements, Ms. Roxas is best admired for her philanthropic works advancing the plight of indigent peoples. In 1987, Ms. Roxas, together with her parents and siblings, founded The Roxas Foundation, Inc. with the intention of providing resources and opportunities that foster and promote the development of communities in its area of operation. Her Foundation is funding and encouraging (1) Community Organizations which are designed for the

organization and development of social structures such as cooperatives, people's organizations, home owners associations, etc., within the community; (b) Social Services that is geared towards the welfare of the human being along the basic aspects such as health and nutrition, environment, sanitation, education, family life and youth development; (c) Economic and Livelihood Development which are concerned with the provision of income generating activities to target beneficiaries and development of skills potential of an individual or a group that will enable them to gain employment or engage in income generating ventures;

Ms. Roxas has always considered the Philippines as her only home and the place where she wants to spend the rest of her life. Indeed, in her Fifty-nine (59) year stay in the Philippines, Ms Roxas had fully embraced Philippine customs, traditions and ideals. Hence, she decided to become a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines and make the Philippines as her permanent home, which she shall forever pledge and hold loyalty, obedience and allegiance.

Ms. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas has indicated her true and sincere intention to stay for good in the Philippines and to continue serving the country she had learned to love. Accordingly, the undersigned is confident of her eligibility for conferment of the honor of becoming a Philippine citizen.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is most ardently sought.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BEATRIZ BERTA OLGADO
ROXAS

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

SECTION 1. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto and with the same effects and subject to the same conditions as provided under the Constitution.

SECTION 2. Upon the taking and registration of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before the Bureau of Immigration and the issuance to her of the Certificate of Naturalization, Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas shall enter upon the full enjoyment of the Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,