



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTEENTH (16th) CONGRESS
First (1st) Regular Session

House Bill No. **2928**



Introduced by **HON. VICENTE F. BELMONTE, JR.**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill earnestly seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Shirley Suan Suan Sy Tan, also now known as, Shirley Tan Vy, by way of her marriage with a Filipino businessman, Beng Hong Vy.

Born on March 5, 1958 in Cebu City from parents Tomasa Chiong Sy and Tan Lai He Chio, Shirley S. Tan (for brevity) was baptized as a Catholic and was raised and educated as a Filipino. A cum laude graduate, she earned her degree in Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Major in Accounting from the University of San Jose Recoletos (USJ-R), Cebu City.

Shirley S. Tan has participated actively in several socio-civic organizations since her early age. Her leadership qualities have led her to become the President of the Filipino-Chinese Catholic Youth (FCCY) based in Cebu City in 1974, at the age of 16, and immediately ascended to become a member of the FCCY Board of Directors in the following years.

Also a life-time member of the Kiwanis Club of Iligan City (KCIC), Shirley S. Tan have been instrumental in the success of a number of out-reach programs and medical missions in Iligan City which started in 1985 up to the present. On a regular annual or bi-annual basis, Shirley S. Tan and her team

would sponsor free medical services, administered by volunteer doctors and other medical practitioners from prestigious medical institutions in Metro Manila, to serve most important medical and health needs of indigent constituents of Iligan City. Recently, by way of her involvement as council secretary of the Resurrection of the Lord - Filipino-Chinese Catholic Community (RLFCCC) in Iligan City, initiated and participated in outreach activities which includes: distribution of personal hygiene kits to prisoners of Iligan City Jail (ICJ); food and clothing relief assistance to the poorest residents of Iligan City including families living in the so called "smokey mountain" garbage dump site in Barangay Santiago, Iligan City, among many others. Indeed, she continuously demonstrates archetype character and exemplar communal standing.

Most notably, during the aftermath of the "sendong tragedy" in December 2011 that befell Northern and Central Mindanao, one would see Shirley S. Tan offering herself to the rescue of the distraught people of Iligan City – a character that sparked inspiration and emulation to people who were also victims but instantly became heroes as well.

In light of the foregoing, in cognizance of Shirley S. Tan's selfless dedication to serve her countrymen with sincerity and patriotism, this representation respectfully seeks the immediate approval of this earnest measure.



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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
SHIRLEY SUAN SUAN SY TAN

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

SECTION 1. Shirley Suan Suan Sy Tan is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogative appurtenant thereto.

SEC. 2. Upon taking and registering her oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Shirley Suan Suan S. Tan shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

SEC. 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,