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Introduced by. Hon. Karlo Alexei B. Nograles

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Reverend Father "Swammy" Chatharajually Balashowry is a renowned priest of the Archdiocese of Hydrerabad in the State of Andra Pradesh, India who is known as a "pilgrim of prayer", for having traveled all over the world to preach the power of prayer and faith in God among various people of the world.

Father "Swammy", as a "pilgrim of prayer", has spent most of the past decade in the Philippines spreading his message of encouraging all people to lead prayerful lives and to be God-fearing, in the process helping many Filipinos especially the poor and the needy in his ministry.

Father "Swammy" has also established a healing ministry that continues to be a source of physical, mental and moral support to Filipinos who are in dire need of assistance to enable them to overcome the challenges of their afflictions.

Reverend Father "Swammy" Chatharajually Balashowry has mingled socially with the Filipinos, has learned to understand, appreciate, and embrace their customs, traditions, and ideals, and has conducted himself in a proper and irreproachable manner during the period of his residence in the Philippines, obeying all the laws and regulations promulgated by duly constituted authorities and sustaining the highest standards of decent and lawful behavior in his relations with the constituted government as well as the community in which he is living.

To grant Filipino Citizenship to Reverend Father "Swammy" Chatharajually Balashowry would be a fitting recognition of his accomplishment and deeds in helping Filipinos, especially the poor and considering his devotion and dedication to the physical, mental, spiritual and moral welfare of our people, he would be an invaluable asset to the Filipino nation.


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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO REVEREND FATHER
"SWAMMY" CHATHARAJUPALLY BALASHOWRY.**

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

Section 1. Reverend Father "Swammy" Chatharajually Balashowry is hereby granted Philippine Citizenship with all the rights, privilege and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

Upon taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Reverend Father "Swammy" Chatharajually Balashowry shall enter the full enjoyment of the Philippine citizenship.

Section 2. Repealing Clause- Any laws, presidential decree or issuance, executive orders, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

Section 3. Effectivity Clause- This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved.