

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 4073



Introduced by Representative Maria Leonor Gerona-Robredo

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Farrell Eldrian Wu a Chinese national, by virtue of the principle of Jus Sanguinis, born in Manila on July 12, 2000, has been a resident of the Philippines since birth. He has been educated in a school duly recognized by the Philippine government where Philippine language, history, government, and civics are part of the school curriculum and does not limit admission to a particular race or nationality.

Mr. Wu has been representing the Philippines in international mathematics competitions since 2009 and has competed in various countries such as Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Taiwan, Turkey and joined international competitions hosted by the Philippines. He has been regarded as the number one youngest math wizard in the country today. He is able to champion many mathematical competition categories ranging from written and oral short answer type to essay type problem solving and classical Mathematical Olympiad proof writing at a very young age both nationally and internationally.

In November 7, 2011, Mr. Wu received a commendation from President Benigno S. Aquino III for being the Champion Individual Gold Medallist in the 2011 World Mathematics Team Championship held in Beijing, China on November 2 - 6, 2011. He competed under Philippine colors besting countries like China, and the United States of America, among others.

During the 2012 Australian Mathematics Competition, where more than 500,000 students worldwide participated, Mr. Wu was conferred the “Peter O’ Halloran Certificate” for being one of the two participants who got a perfect score. He was also awarded an Australian Mathematics Trust’s Gold Medal and a Prize Awards for his rare feat.

At twelve years old, Mr. Wu was named as one of the “Ten Smartest Kids in the World” by the New York City-based news publication Business Insider on April 30, 2013. He was the only Filipino included in the list of gifted kids worldwide. Mr. Wu is more than worthy to be part of the esteemed list as he is gifted not only in academics but also in the arts. He is a naturally-talented musician with perfect pitch who can perform piano and violin with ease.

Most recently, Mr. Wu achieved a perfect score in the prestigious 2014 American Mathematics Competition 10 wherein he was included in the Distinguished Honor Roll worldwide by the Mathematical Association of America.

Mr. Wu’s advocacy activities include involvement with the school-based math tutorial outreach under Metrobank Foundation’s educational unit activity called Operation MATHew. He has taught the Grade 5 pupils of Trinidad Tecson Elementary School at Sampaloc, Manila every Saturday to appreciate the beauty of mathematics and encourage them to learn mathematics as a tool to help them in the future. He is fondly called Kuya Farrell by his students. As a personal commitment, Mr. Wu promised to motivate, train and develop underrepresented talented public school students to be competitive in mathematics competitions.

Mr. Wu would be a valuable asset to the Philippines in the upcoming International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) competition and in succeeding IMOs as he can still represent the country 5 more times until 2018. The IMO is the oldest, largest, and most prestigious scientific Olympiad in the world with more than 100 countries participating. The next IMO will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from July 3 to July 13, 2014.

By virtue of his invaluable contributions to Philippines' society as a champion mathematics Olympian in various international and national mathematics competition, it is only fitting that he be granted the honour of being called a Filipino.

In view of the foregoing, the swift approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT

GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO FARRELL ELDRIAN WU

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

Section 1. Farrell Eldrian Wu is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges, 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 of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before the Bureau of Immigration and the issuance to him of the Certificate of Naturalization, Farrell Eldrian Wu shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its complete publication in the Official Gazette or at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,