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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 4110

Introduced by HON. FELICIANO BELMONTE, JR. and HON. NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There are those who are fortunate to be born citizens of the Philippines, and there are people who, for pure love of the country, wish to avail of the privilege of being called a Filipino. These individuals have fully lived the spirit of being a citizen of this country and, through word and deed, consider the Philippines as their home.

One such person is Peter Leslie Wallace. Mr. Wallace was born on June 3, 1939 in Australia. At the age of 18, he became a cadet engineer with the Amalgamated Wireless of Australia. Subsequently, he became a regional manager for an American company which he encouraged to invest in the Philippines. In 1975, Mr. Wallace moved to Manila to establish a factory where he became CEO before he established the AYC Consultants in 1982.

Mr. Wallace has been a Philippine resident for over 38 years, and has spent half of his lifetime in the Philippines. He has practiced Philippine culture and tradition and has adopted Filipino values. He founded, through the Management Association of the Philippines, a foundation called A Life For Others, to provide a house or similar benefit to the families of soldiers who have lost their lives rescuing others. He likewise founded the Caliraya Lake Conservation Society in 1999 with his Filipina wife, to protect the watershed of Lake Caliraya and to conserve the surrounding forest of the area. Also, for many years, he was Chairman of Adaptive Technology for Rehabilitation, Integration, and Empowerment of the Visually Impaired (ATRIEV), a school for the blind that provides computer skills to blind youth.

Mr. Wallace is currently a Member and Director of the Australia-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Philippines. He is also the President and Chair of the Wallace Business Forum, which helps individuals and organizations identify business opportunities in the Philippines and better understand its operating environment. In line with this advocacy, the Wallace Business Forum

publishes Analytical Reports and holds Quarterly Roundtable discussions between the government and the private sector. Mr. Wallace also maintains a weekly column in two of the country's broadsheets, the Manila Standard and the Philippine Daily Inquirer, wherein he discusses issues relevant to the business community.

Mr. Wallace is not yet a citizen of this country, but his heart and soul reflect a true and proud Filipino. Let Congress give to him this privilege because through his deeds, he has already shown every Filipino what it means to be one.

For the above stated reasons, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.


NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.


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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO PETER LESLIE WALLACE

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

Section 1. Peter Leslie Wallace is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

After the taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Peter Leslie Wallace shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately following its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.

Approved,