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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. 5560



Introduced by HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III and HON. LINO S. CAYETANO

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP
TO HANS-PETER SMIT**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recognizing his exemplary contributions to Philippine Football, this measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Hans-Peter Van Sprew Smit, with all the rights and corresponding obligations appurtenant thereto as a natural born Filipino citizen.

Mr. Hans-Peter Smit, 56, was born in Jakarta, Indonesia but he has been residing in the Philippines since he was 6 years old. Mr. Smit has four (4) children, all born Filipino and is married to Carmencita Carlos Smit, also a Filipino.

He started his coaching career in football at a very early age of 21. He was considered the youngest football coach in the country at that time. Mr. Smit also became the youngest Athletic Director in the country when he started the Varsity Program for De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) in Alabang.

Aside from coaching football, he organizes football events such as Festivals, Leagues and National Championships. He is also an official Match Commissioner (MC) for the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) and a certified Asian Football Confederation Match Commissioner. He has represented the Philippines in numerous international football events as coach and as representative to various Coaching Seminars in and around Asia.

Mr. Hans-Peter Smit has been active in Philippine football for the last 34 years. His passion for the sport and his willingness to contribute for the wellbeing and development of Philippine football specially for the under-privileged, grassroots and Women's & Girls football, makes him as much as a Filipino as any other Filipino in the country.

Having spent fifty years of his life here in the Philippines, he considers the country as his home, and embraces the Filipino custom, tradition and ideals. Thus, he seeks to be granted

Filipino citizenship under Article IV, Section 1 of the Philippine Constitution.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.



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

SECTION 1. Mr. Hans-Peter Smit is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION. 2. After the taking by Mr. Hans-Peter Smit of his Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration, Mr. Hans-Peter Smit shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine citizenship.

SECTION. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall forthwith issue Mr. Hans-Peter Smit's Certificate of Naturalization.

SECTION. 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,