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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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House Bill No. **4405**

Introduced by **Honorable CARMELO B. LAZATIN II**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A sportsman, entrepreneur, philanthropist, and civic leader, the Auckland, New Zealand-born Bruce McTavish arrived in the Philippines in 1967 where he remains to this day, married to a Filipina.

McTavish served as a boxing referee representing the Philippines in a stellar professional career spanning more than three decades. During such period, he spearheaded seminars sponsored by the World Boxing Council for ring officials around the country.

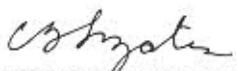
Outside of the sphere of sports, McTavish likewise left an indelible imprint as an entrepreneur, having been one of the pioneer investors at the Clark Special Economic Zone, now known as Clark Freeport. His business acumen resulted in profitable investments in Pampanga, where he served in various capacities as an officer of the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Pampanga and the Metro Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

On the civic front, McTavish served as president of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat and the Rotary Club of Clark Centennial. In 1971, he became the first non-Filipino to be appointed as District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus.

But above all these, McTavish's philanthropic programs, notably as the Director of the RC Street Children Foundation, Inc. working to improve the plight of local street children, managed to raise funds needed to support the beneficiaries. Apart from providing basic subsistence, his programs integrated education and sports as vital components designed to promote holistic development.

Given the scope of his contributions and achievements, McTavish was feted as an Honorary Citizen of Angeles City by the local City Council. Calling the Philippines his home for nearly five decades now, McTavish seeks to be granted Filipino citizenship under Article IV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution.

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


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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BRUCE DONALD MCTAVISH

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

SECTION 1. *Granting of Citizenship to Bruce Donald McTavish.* – Bruce Donald McTavish 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, Bruce Donald McTavish shall enter the full enjoyment of the Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 2. *Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance, executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule of regulation contrary to or inconsistent with, the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly.

SEC. 3. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,