

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Quezon City
Seventeenth Congress
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House Bill No. **4663**



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE JOCELYN S. LIMKAICHONG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the Fifteenth Congress, House Bill 0648 An Act Granting Philippine Citizenship to Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas was approved on third reading by the House of Representatives on February 4, 2013. Unfortunately, the Senate was unable to pass a counterpart Bill thus pending its approval.

The undersigned is re-filing this bill because Ms. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas has, by her long and continuous service to the Filipino people, proven herself worthy to become a citizen of this country.

Ms. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas, a Spanish National, was born in Manila, Philippines, on 4 July 1953. She has been a resident of the Philippines since birth. Since her birth in 1953 she and her family have decided to make this country their permanent home to which they shall forever owe and pledge their allegiance and loyalty;

She has a long and continuous track record of service and loyalty to the Filipino people. As an entrepreneur, she showed her unparalleled love for the Philippines by setting up different companies that is engaged in exporting Philippine-Made Products. In 1988, she established a Philippine-based company, Design House Asia, whose sole objective was to promote Filipino products through several National and International companies in Madrid, which showcase the best of Filipino made products.

In addition, she started working with the communities of Nasugbu, Batangas to help the locals realize their economic potential by developing their skills in the design and development of their products. For this purpose, she has invested a large portion of her own economic resources towards the training and development of the skills of Filipino workers. Because of her immense pride and belief in the innate skill, talent and integrity of the Filipino worker, Ms. Roxas has adopted a Filipino first policy when making employment decisions in the workplace. Above all her exemplary roster of achievements Ms. Roxas is best admired for her philanthropic works advancing the plight of indigent peoples.

In 1987, Ms. Roxas, together with her parents and siblings, founded the Roxas Foundation, Inc. with the intention of providing resources and opportunities that foster and promote the development of communities in its area of operation. Her Foundation is funding and encouraging (1) Community Organizations which are designed for the organization and development of social structures such as cooperatives, people's organizations, home owners' associations, etc., within the community; (2) Social Services that is geared towards the welfare of the human being along the basic aspects such as health and nutrition, environment, sanitation, education, family life and youth development; (3) Economic and Livelihood Development which are concerned with the provision of income generating activities to target beneficiaries and development of skills potential of an individual or a group that will enable them to gain employment or engage in income generating ventures.

Ms. Roxas has always considered the Philippines as her only home and the place where she wants to spend the rest of her life. Indeed, in her Sixty-Two (62) year stay in the Philippines, Ms. Roxas had fully embraced Philippine customs, traditions, and ideals. Hence, she decided to become a citizen of the Republic of the Philippines and make the Philippines as her permanent home, which she shall forever pledge and hold loyalty, obedience, and allegiance. Ms. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas has indicated her true and sincere intention to stay for good in the Philippines and to continue serving the country she has always loved since birth.

Accordingly, the undersigned is confident of her eligibility and worthiness of conferment of the honor of becoming a Philippine citizen.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is most ardently sought.



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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BEATRIZ BERTA OLGADO
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto and with the same effects and subject to the same conditions as provided under the Constitution.

SEC. 2. Upon the taking and registration of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before the Bureau of Immigration and the issuance to her of the Certificate of Naturalization, Beatriz Berta Olgado Roxas shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

SEC. 3 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its complete publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,