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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

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HOUSE BILL NO. **10115**



Introduced by **REP. XAVIER JESUS D. ROMUALDO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill intends to grant Philippine citizenship to ZIBIN “DEREK” LIANG, a Hong Kong national, who found himself enamored with the Philippines. He has invested a lot in business and has been doing a lot of charitable works in the country. Mr. Liang desires to remain in the Philippines and be given Filipino citizenship.

Mr. Liang studied finance in Indiana University – Kelley School of Business in Bloomington, Indiana, USA. He furthered his studies in business and finance by obtaining a graduate degree of Master in Business Administration in George Washington University – School of Business in Washington DC, USA. After finishing his studies, he was able to work in various finance companies in the USA, China, and Hong Kong. Mr.k Liang is the lone director of Tianyi Capital Limited.

With his business acumen and tremendous effort, Mr. Liang was able to bring, and is going to continue to bring, vast investments to the Philippines. His company, Tianyi Capital Limited has 40% ownership in Golden TW Realty and Development Corporation. Golden TW Realty and Development Corporation, a Philippine company that has a paid-up capital of more than P1.6 Billion, owns various properties in Tagaytay and Boracay and several business ventures in the country. As a substantial owner in the said local corporation, he has played a major role in making the company successful. He also looks forward to bringing more investments to other businesses in the Philippines, which will hopefully promote and boost tourism, provide employment to more Filipinos and generate significant revenues for the Philippine government.

Aside from the investments and business he has brought to the Philippines, Mr. Liang is involved in various philanthropic activities. He particularly provided financial assistance to the victims of Typhoon Yolanda and is passionately participating in the Bakwit Village Phase 2 Project in Saguiaran, Lanao del Sur. The project is for the benefit of residents of Marawi City who were displaced due to armed conflict. The Bakwit Village Phase 2 Project involves building a community

with one hundred thirty (130) housing units, twenty (200) livelihood stalls, and two (2) educational buildings. The project was completed in 2019 and Mr. Liang continues to pay for the utilities for the said community. He is also proactive in rendering assistance to the local government of Parañaque, where he currently resides, especially during this pandemic. He also donated to nearby cities such as Makati and Muntinlupa for their fight against Covid-19 and has also been a long-time supporter and donor in Batang Munti Foundation, Inc., a non-governmental organization that helps less fortunate youth in Muntinlupa City. He participates in programs and services on education, health, livelihood, and sports of said foundation. Mr. Liang has been generous in promoting the welfare of the Filipinos especially during catastrophic events; and he will continue with his charitable activities. These humanitarian activities are supported by various certifications from local government units and non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Liang is devoted to continuously immerse himself in philanthropic activities in the Philippines. He said that aside from bringing investments to the Philippines, he also feels that he can do more for the country in terms of helping the less fortunate. His affection for the country is not only manifest in his business ventures and philanthropic activities, but also in his love for Filipino food.

The Philippine National Police, National Bureau of Investigation, and Bureau of Immigration have also issued certifications stating the Derek Liang has no derogatory record. These certificates clearly indicate that he has a good moral character. He also has certifications from foreign banks, which show his financial capacity. These prove that he is indeed credible in bringing more investments to the Philippines and he is truly capable of furthering his charitable works to poor Filipinos. Mr. Liang always remark that he is committed to doing socially responsible business in the Philippines permanently.

This representation believes that granting Philippine citizenship to Mr. Liang will bring great benefit to the country and the Filipino people. He has shown his desire to be a Filipino in a clear and convincing fashion. The business expertise and humanitarian efforts of Mr. Liang in the Philippines show that he deserves to be a Filipino.

For these reasons, the passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO
MR. ZIBIN “DEREK” LIANG, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND
PREROGATIVES APPURTENANT THERETO**

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

SECTION 1. Mr. Zibin “Derek” Liang is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all 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. Mr. Zibin “Derek” Liang shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration.

SECTION 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Zibin “Derek” Liang who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect immediately fifteen (15) days upon publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,