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Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE JOEY SARTE SALCEDA**

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO WANG LIDUAN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A Chinese national who have been residing in the Philippines for three decades now who are deemed to be highly qualified as development investors because their hearts are inclined towards this country.

Mr. **WANG LIDUAN**, a Chinese National from Fujian, Republic of China, has chosen to move to the Philippines in 1991 and has established good relations with his Filipino partners as well as their employees. Mr. Liduan, has expressed his ardent desire to become a Filipino citizen and has learned to embrace and practice Filipino culture. In fact, all of their children studied their education in the Philippines.

At the height of the Asian Financial Crisis, while the rest of the Southeast Asian countries were still experiencing the drawbacks of the crisis and the Philippines was just surviving a political turmoil, the associate of Mr. Wang Liduan, continued to venture into economic investments development in the country worth millions and billions of pesos, such as the Sung Yueh Construction in 2003; the MSK Group in 2005-2010; and the Weishin Subic Bay Corporation in 2007. The investments focused on infrastructure projects that created buildings and houses for the Filipino people.

Also, Mr. Liduan, is a member of the Board of Directors of Topmarket Property Development and Management Inc., is formerly a subsidiary company of A.M Oreta and Company (AMOCO) but is now under a new management. It is one of the top AAA builders in the country, with over 65 years of experience in engineering and construction of well-known structures, landmarks and institutions. Among these are some of the country's world class such as The Manila Peninsula, Intercontinental Hotel, The Hilton and the Samal Island Resort. One of its latest projects is the 3 Forty Fifth Residences located at Indo China Dr. Alabang Muntinlupa.

It must be noted that the associate development investors are prime advocates of the country's green recovery program aimed at restoring our forest cover, protecting our endemic species, and ensuring environmental protection and climate change adaptation. This was proven by their support during the: a) 2017 LMP National Roll-Out of the Training Workshop on the Formulation of Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) in the Philippines; b) Federalism Malasakit at Pagbabago (under the League of Municipalities of the Philippines, Office of the 2nd District of Albay, Local Climate Change Adaptation for Development (LCCAD) in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Climate Change Commission (CCC), Philippine Information Agency (PIA), and

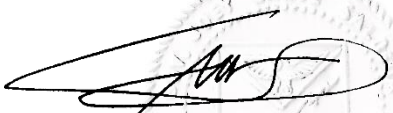
the University of the Philippines Resilience Institute (UPRI), and the City Government of Legazpi; and c) The regional consultation on the creation of the Department of Disaster Resilience (DDR) of the 16 regions in the country under the leadership of the Office of the 2nd District of Albay- Local Climate Change Adaptation for Development in collaboration with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD). Their advocacy lies in the ability of the national and local governments to sustainably manage our natural resources and better environmental governance with support from the private sector. The initiative is to empower our communities to come together and cooperate. Mr. WANG has been instrumental in providing direction and support on Coffee Heritage Project (CHP)'s intensive research on the impacts of climate change in coffee farms and production. Beyond Mr. WANG's inputs on establishing organizational policy, his immense support on CHP's different undertakings such as, "The Heirloom Barako Coffee Project", participation in the AVPA PARIS International Coffee Competition, and numerous sustainability projects with indigenous peoples in different communities from the Cordilleras to Bangsamoro region is nothing less than, unprecedented

Amidst the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, and while other foreign investors are abandoning the Philippines, the loyal brothers, through their companies continued and increased their efforts in assisting the communities where they operate. Such efforts include: a) repair, beautification, installation of solar lights in the abandoned Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Villas that generated jobs for residents of Subic and other provinces; b) donated laptops to interns of the Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) for their online classes; c) through the MSK Group Work Inc. donated numerous face masks to the City of Olongapo and other LGUs; d) donated 150 electric fans to the quarantine and isolation facilities of the PNP front liners who were victims of COVID -19; e) donated One hundred Fifty thousand Pesos to the New Cabalan National High School; f) constructed a covered court and school fences in Pastolan Elementary School; and g) donated 19 vehicles (SUVs/trucks) for maintenance of peace, security and safety of the Subic Bay Freeport Zone and neighbors.

Mr. Wang Liduan clearly possesses character traits of a true Filipino: loving, generous, respectful, ethical, loyal, optimistic, persevering and eager to help communities, among others.

Having invested billions of pesos to this country, providing livelihood and jobs to our fellow Filipinos and having shown dedication, loyalty, and love to our beloved country and its people, the associate brothers would be of great addition to the Philippines and the Filipino community. It is high time for the Philippines to show how much we value WANG LIDUAN's, contributions by granting unto them Filipino citizenships by virtue of this Legislative Naturalization.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure is urgently sought.


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

SECTION 1. Mr. Wang Liduan 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.

SEC. 2. After the taking by Mr. Wang Liduan 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. Wang Liduan shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine citizenship.

SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall forthwith issue Mr. Wang Liduan a Certificate of Naturalization.

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

Approved,