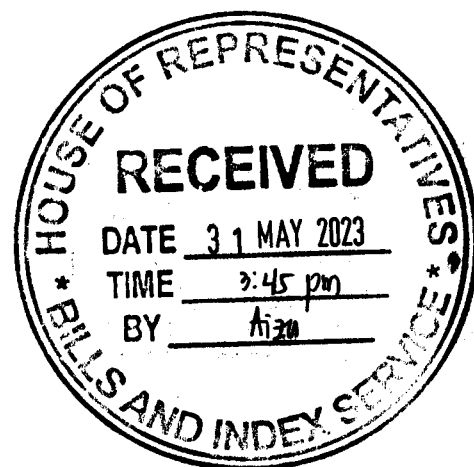


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HOUSE BILL NO. 8486



Introduced by the **Honorable ANIELA BIANCA D. TOLENTINO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics was a great success for the Philippines. Aside from the country winning its first gold medal, the Filipino contingent who participated in said event produced the biggest medal haul for the Philippines. All Filipinos around the world was filled with pride and joy, during that moment in time, all Filipinos were proud to be Filipinos. Achievements by Filipino athletes in prestigious international sports events are essential to the Filipino DNA.

Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino and Philippine Skating Union President Dominique Cheng are now working hard so that the Philippines can also have success in the Winter Olympics, and they found Isabella Gamez, a figure skater. She is a full-blooded Filipina and was able to qualify and participate in the 2023 World Figure Skating Championships, held last march 20-27, 2023 in Saitama, Japan. Isabella Gamez was able to qualify in the pairs category with Aleksandr Korovin.

Aleksandr Korovin is Russian and has been a partner of Isabella Gamez in international figure skating competitions since 2021. They are carrying the Philippine flag in international figure skating competitions because the Philippine Skating Union formally asked that Aleksandr Korovin be released from the Russian Skating Federation. This set-up can be done in other international figure skating competitions but not in the Winter Olympics. The rules in the Winter Olympics require that partners in the pairs category must be citizens of the country that they are representing.

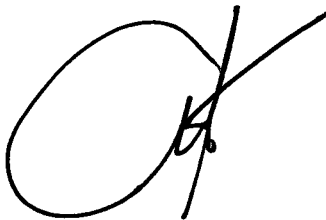
As partners, Isabella Gamez and Aleksandr Korovin are the first pair of skaters to win an international medal for the Philippines, when they won a silver medal at the 2022 Trophée Metropole Nice Côte d'Azur, an international figure skating event held

in Nice, France. They are also the first figure skating pair from Southeast Asia that qualified to participate in a World Figure Skating Championships event.

The future looks bright for the partnership of Isabella Gamez and Aleksandr Korovin in pairs figure skating. Being able to participate in the 2023 World Figure Skating Championships is a step closer for the Philippines' chance for a medal in the 2026 Winter Olympics. As such, this representation is excited to take action in the naturalization as Filipino of Aleksandr Korovin.

Aleksandr Korovin is fully committed to becoming a Filipino and he is also dedicated to bringing more honor to the Philippines by continuously winning in international figure skating competitions with Isabella Gamez. This representation believes that granting Filipino citizenship to Aleksandr Korovin is necessary and should be pushed. It is high time that the Philippines win a medal in the Winter Olympics, just as how the country won its first gold medal in the Summer Olympics. This dream of success in the Winter Olympics will come to fruition when House of Representatives gives its full support to Isabella Gamez and her partner, Aleksandr Korovin.

For the Filipino people, approval of the foregoing bill is earnestly being sought.

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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
ALEKSANDR KOROVIN**

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

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

SECTION 2. Aleksandr Korovin shall take the Oath of Allegiance before a duly authorized officer to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered 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 Aleksandr Korovin who shall thereupon enter into the full employment of Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or in newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,