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HOUSE BILL NO. 8953



Introduced by **REP. BERNADETTE "DETTE" G. ESCUDERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Born in Madrid in 1966 to a Spanish Father and Filipino Mother, Miguel Díaz had been heavily influenced by Filipino culture from a very early age when they first visited the Philippines when he was just three years old. This exposure to Filipino culture had culminated in a decision to reside in the country in 2012.

Since then, Miguel Díaz and his family have been actively involved in Filipino social and cultural initiatives. They've organized relief efforts, feeding programs, and educational projects in underserved communities, particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. Notably, Diaz has championed the nation's presence in motorsports – clinching the 2015 Toyota Vios Cup Championship and later brandishing our flag in prestigious World Rally Championship stages in Monaco, Finland, Sardegna and Acropolis, among others.

Moreover, Díaz played a pivotal role in repatriating treasured pieces of art, furniture, and books, including pieces by renowned Filipino artists Lorenzo Guerrero, Félix Resurrección Hidalgo, and Juan Luna. Noteworthy items exhibited at the 1887 Exposición General de las Islas Filipinas at the Palacio de Cristal in Madrid were also brought back to the Philippines through his efforts.

In light of these worthy contributions to the Filipino people and the country, this bill is filed for Congress' immediate consideration and approval.


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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MIGUEL DÍAZ

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

Section 1. Miguel Díaz 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. Miguel Díaz shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

Sec. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Miguel Díaz who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

Sec. 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,