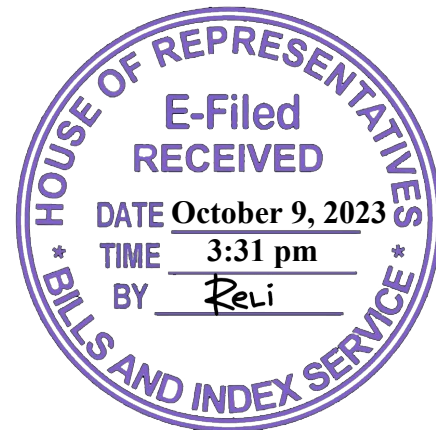


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House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 9395



Introduced by Honorable Oscar G. Malapitan

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill has as its primordial objective the granting of Philippine citizenship to a remarkable individual who has devoted his life to serving the people of this country, Fr. Job Callarackal Oommen, MS.

Fr. Job, originally an Indian citizen and belonging to the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, Ina ng Pag-Asa Province, arrived on Philippine soil on April 17, 1982, with a deep calling to serve the Filipino people. For over four decades, he has dedicated himself to various ministerial roles, embodying the spirit of selflessness and dedication.

Fr. Job's journey in the Philippines began with his theological studies at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay, from 1982 to 1988. It was during these formative years that he has laid the foundation for his lifelong commitment to his faith and his service to the Filipino community.

His unwavering dedication to ministries in the diocese of Iligan, Isabela, from 1988 to 2006, touched the lives of countless individuals. Through his guidance, spiritual leadership and compassionate heart, he has been a source of solace and strength to those in need.

Fr. Job has continued to serve as the rector of the theological formative house of the La Salette Scholasticate in Cubao, Quezon City. His role has been instrumental in shaping the next generation of religious leaders, instilling in them the values of love, compassion and service.

In recent years, Fr. Job was assigned as the parish priest of the Sto. Niño de Congreso in Brgy. 171, North Caloocan. His presence in this community has been a beacon of hope, providing spiritual guidance and support to the faithful.

Fr. Job Callarackal Oommen's dedication to the Philippines has been steadfast, selfless and inspiring. He has become an integral part of the Filipino community, touching lives, and making a positive impact wherever he goes. His earnest desire to legitimize his stay in the Philippines reflects his commitment to continue his sacred ministerial works for our people.

This proposed measure also intends to give recognition to the immense contribution he has made to our nation and its people. By granting him the citizenship which he is solemnly and resolutely aspiring for, we not only honor his commitment but also ensure that he can continue his vital mission in this country.

Thus, with the foregoing, the immediate consideration and approval of this bill is most respectfully sought.



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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO FR. JOB CALLARACKAL
OOMMEN, MS

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

SECTION 1. Fr. Job Callarackal Oommen, MS 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. Fr. Job Callarackal Oommen, MS 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 Fr. Job Callarackal Oommen, MS who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

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

Approved,