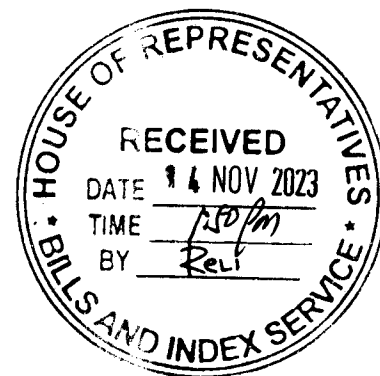


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### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**Alexander Sergeyevich Korovin** is a Russian pair skater. He was born in Pervouralsk, Russia on 15 February 1994.

He began learning to skate in 1999. He switched from single skating to pairs in 2010. From 2014 to 2018, he represented Russia with his second figure skating partner, Alisa Efimova. The pair won several prestigious competitions including one Grand Prix medal, a silver at the 2018 Skate America, and five medals on the ISU Challenger Series, including gold at the 2018 CS Nebelhorn Trophy and 2018 CS Golden Spin of Zagreb. The pair later went their separate ways. After a couple of years, Korovin teamed up with Isabella Gamez in 2021.

The Korovin/Gamez pair made their debut at the 2022 CS Finlandia Trophy, placing ninth. On their next competition as a pair, the two achieved a historic milestone for the Philippines as they won the first-ever medal for Philippine pairs skating in an international competition, a silver medal at the Trophée Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur in Nice, France. Gamez/Korovin continued the season to become the first Senior Pairs team to win Philippine Figure Skating Championships bringing awareness to the pairs discipline in the tropical country as the only competitors in December 2022. Following the Challenge Cup in Tilburg, Netherlands, Korovin/Gamez became the first Southeast Asian and Philippine pairs team to qualify for the 2023 World Figure Skating Championships in Saitama, Japan.

Although figure skating is not as popular as basketball, it is nevertheless a fascinating sport, and figure skaters are subject to the same rigors and discipline as athletes in other sports. Moreover, it is one sport where Filipinos do not exactly have to worry about height requirements.

Korovin and Gamez have reaped many honors but sadly are unable to represent the Philippines as a pair in the Olympics, perhaps the most prestigious international sporting event. This bill granting Korovin Philippine citizenship, which he so desires, will address this problem.

In view of the above, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO**  
**ALEXANDER SERGEYEVICH KOROVIN**

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

SECTION 1. Alexander Sergeyevich Korovin 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.

SECTION 2. Alexander Sergeyevich Korovin 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.

SECTION 3. The Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization and Alexander Sergeyevich Korovin shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

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

Approved,