

NINETEENTH CONGRESS OF THE)
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE BILL NO. 9842

Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE VIRGILIO S. LACSON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. David Loran Sisson, an American national who has planted his roots and contributed much to the Philippines as a person of faith.

David Loran Sisson was born on September 24, 1991 to his parents Douglas and Rebecca Sisson, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, United States of America. He and his family came to the Philippines on September 5, 1996, and established their residence at Purok 5, Barrio 1, Lagao, General Santos City.

In May 1998, his father established a church to reach out to the people of the said city and help provide for their spiritual needs. They have established a growing and flourishing ministry that includes teaching over three thousand five hundred children every Saturday for the past twenty-three years. David, together with his family, started this ministry with two classes, and now it has grown into one hundred fifty classes. They also have a PNP Ministry wherein they teach the trainees Biblical values that helped and guide them and their families toward a faithful and meaningful life, while imparting to them how to be an honest and productive citizens. They were allowed to teach in all eight police stations present in the entire General Santos City.

With the establishment of the church, they have managed to conceive other ministries which include school ministries, deaf ministry, children ministries, and ministries for widows. They conducted Annual Youth Camps, reaching over eight hundred teens, and Annual Pastors' Conferences that has provided materials for Pastors all over Mindanao. Moreover, they have established a television ministry, a nightly Bible Institute and have been successful in establishing a four-year Bible College.

From the time David and his family set foot in our country, his family embraced the Filipino people and our culture. David, together with his siblings, are fluent Cebuano

speakers, which has enabled them to further reach out to our people and share the values inscribed on the Holy Bible.

David is married to Ruthie Alonzo Sisson, whose parents are of Filipino descent. His wife has become a vital part of the ministry, teaching piano to young children, teens and adults, and led the Children's and Teen's Choirs. She likewise spends her time in teaching music in the Bible College that David and his family has established. David and Ruthie both completed four years of ministry college training in Lancaster, California, USA, and have chosen to come back to the Philippines to use their learnings to enrich and help our fellow Filipinos.

Mr. Sisson have considered the Philippines as his home and the place where he wants to spend his life with, together with his family. Indeed, in his twenty-three years of fruitful stay in our country, he has decided to become a citizen of the Philippines and make our country as his permanent home, wherein he shall forever pledge and hold loyalty, obedience and allegiance, and continue serving our people he has always loved.

In view of Mr. David Loran Sisson's wish to become a Filipino citizen, approval of this bill is earnestly prayed for.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V. Lacson', is positioned above the printed name.

HON. VIRGILIO S. LACSON
Manila Teachers Partylist

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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
DAVID LORAN SISSON**

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

SECTION 1. Mr. David Loran Sisson 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. Mr. David Loran Sisson 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 Mr. David Loran Sisson 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,