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House Bill No. 4114



INTRODUCED BY HON. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Matthew James Ramos is a champion American wrestler of Filipino descent. He was born on 27 April 2001 in Naperville, Illinois to Chris and Shelley Ramos. At 5'8", Matt is the 2022 U.S. Open Champion (57 kg) 2022 NCAA Championship Round of 12 (133 lbs.) He has been making huge waves in wrestling since high school.

Multi-awarded Matt counts among his many accomplishments the following while in Purdue University. In 2022-23:

- He became the 60th All-American in Purdue wrestling history, the first national place winner of the Tony Ersland era.
- He pulled off the biggest upset in collegiate wrestling history by knocking off No. 1 seed and three-time champion Spencer Lee in the semifinals with a pin in the closing seconds.
- He finished with the most wins of all the NCAA qualifiers at 125 pounds with 35. He had the second most wins of any qualifier at any weight.
- He led the team in at least 19 categories, including matches (40), wins (35), ranked wins (15), bonus point wins (14) and first period points (111).
- He won the 125-pound title at the 2023 Southern Scuffle. He won all five of his matches, beat two ranked opponents and registered a major and a fall.
- He took the title at the 2022 Clarion Open, winning four of his five matches with bonus points (two falls and two tech falls).
- He set new career highs in major decisions (5), tech falls (3) and falls (6).
- He opened the season on a 12-match win streak.
- He was named an NWCA Scholar All-American for the second straight year.

Matt was named Purdue's Most Outstanding Freshman. He posted nine wins over ranked opponents on the season, good for second most on the roster. He opened the season with six straight non-conference dual victories, including a ranked win over No. 24 Richie Koehler of Rider. He won the 2022 U.S. Open at 57 kg in Las Vegas,

becoming Purdue's first wrestler to win the event in at least 25 years. He finished fourth at the U.S. World Team Trials at 57 kg.

In high school, Matt was a four-year varsity letterwinner at Lockport High School. In 2019 he was a 3A Illinois state high school champion at 120 pounds, and was Lockport High School Athlete of the Year. In 2018 he won the Illinois state championships in freestyle and Greco-Roman and placed third at the high school state tournament at 113 pounds. In 2017 he placed fifth at 106 pounds, and finished as the runner-up in freestyle and Greco at Fargo. He was two-time placewinner at the Cheesehead Invitational and Walsh Ironman.

Matt proudly holds the following national rankings in the United States:

- Ranked the No. 72 overall recruit in the nation in 2019 by FloWrestling
- Ranked No. 55 overall in the Class of 2019 by InterMat
- Ranked the No. 44 overall recruit in the country by The Open Mat 999.¹

Matt is without doubt of champion caliber. He has expressed an earnest desire to represent in international sports competitions the Philippines, a country for whom his parents still hold much love and gratitude. He will undoubtedly give the country much honor and glory should he be given Philippine citizenship, something that with his Filipino blood, is not beyond reach or imagination.

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



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¹ Matt Ramos - Wrestling - Purdue Boilermakers (purduesports.com)

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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
MATTHEW JAMES RAMOS

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

SECTION 1. Matthew James Ramos 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. Matthew James Ramos 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 Matthew James Ramos 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,