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House Bill No. 5813



INTRODUCED BY HON. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Elizabeth Jeanette Means, born October 31, 2002 in Thousand Oaks, California, USA is a 6'0", 170-pound basketball player whose character, values, and athleticism make her an ideal candidate for naturalization.

Elizabeth was raised in a close-knit, faith-centered family in Folsom, California, a family environment that mirrors the warmth, unity and strong sense of faith found in many Filipino homes. Born and raised by parents who are married for over 35 years, she is one of eight siblings and was homeschooled until age 13 — giving her a strong bond with her family, especially her five brothers, who helped shape her competitiveness and toughness on the court.

Despite growing up in a humble home with one working parent, Elizabeth learned the values of hard work, humility, and gratitude. Faith and prayer have been constant in her life and continue to guide her both personally and professionally. She graduated high school with a 3.75 GPA. A consistent Dean's Lister during her college years, she earned a degree in Human Wellness and Nutrition with a 3.7 GPA, demonstrating discipline and excellence beyond sports.

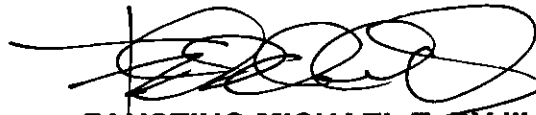
Elizabeth began playing basketball at six and started competing seriously at 14. At Folsom High School, she trained with the varsity team as a freshman and developed under strong coaches and mentors. Her dedication extended beyond school — she spent hours practicing at home and at her church gym, with her father's support and guidance.

The Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) seeks the naturalization of Elizabeth Jeanette Means due to her exceptional character, values, and athletic contribution. She embodies the Filipino spirit of family, faith, humility, and perseverance, making her not only a strong addition to the team but also an excellent ambassador of Philippine basketball. Her international experience and leadership will

bring skill, size, and a winning mindset to the women's national program. More importantly, she brings a heart that resonates with Filipino values — one that treasures family, faith, and community.

Elizabeth Jeanette Means represents talent, integrity, and deep family values — qualities that align with the ideals of the Filipino athlete. Her naturalization will strengthen the national team and inspire young players to pursue excellence with humility, discipline, and love for the game.

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



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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
ELIZABETH JEANETTE MEANS

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

SECTION 1. Elizabeth Jeanette Means 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. Elizabeth Jeanette Means 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 Elizabeth Jeanette Means 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,