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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Maodo “Malick” Diouf, born on February 25, 1999, in Dakar, Senegal, is a 6’11”, 97-kilogram basketball player whose exceptional character, values, and athleticism make him an ideal candidate for Philippine naturalization.

Raised in a close-knit, faith-centered family in Cité Taco Commune Nord, Senegal, Malick grew up in an environment that reflects the warmth, unity, and strong sense of faith found in many Filipino homes. He is the son of Djiby and Yande Diouf and the youngest of five siblings who helped nurture his competitiveness, resilience, and team spirit—qualities that would later define his basketball career.

At the young age of twelve, Malick discovered his love for basketball. While studying at Groupe Scolaire La Sagesse, he used the sport not only as a pastime but also as a tool for education and personal growth. Despite losing his father early in life, Malick found strength in his mother’s faith and perseverance. Through her guidance, he learned the values of hard work, humility, and gratitude—principles that continue to guide him both on and off the court.

Malick’s journey to the Philippines was, in many ways, an answered prayer. He was invited to play in an exhibition game, where his talent and discipline caught the attention of local coaches.

Soon after, Centro Escolar University offered him an athletic scholarship, allowing him to continue both his education and basketball career in the country. His potential and leadership later earned him recruitment to the University of the Philippines Diliman, where he became a cornerstone of the UP Fighting Maroons’

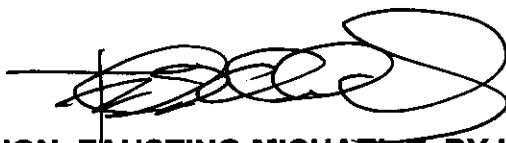
success. Malick played a crucial role in securing the UAAP Season 84 championship and was rightfully named the Most Valuable Player—a testament to his skill, dedication, and leadership.

Standing at 6 feet 11 inches, Malick's height is a tremendous asset to the Philippine men's basketball team. His size, combined with his mobility and basketball IQ, provides the team with a strong inside presence both defensively and offensively. Defensively, he can protect the rim, alter shots, and anchor the paint, while offensively, his height allows him to finish effectively around the basket, dominate the boards, and create scoring opportunities for his teammates. This rare combination of size, skill, and heart makes him an invaluable addition to the national program.

This Representation and the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas (SBP) seek the naturalization of Malick Diouf not only because of his outstanding athletic abilities but also because of his exemplary character and deep-rooted values. Though a foreign-born athlete, Malick has wholeheartedly embraced the Filipino spirit. He embodies family devotion, humility, faith, and perseverance—virtues that align perfectly with the ideals of the Filipino athlete.

Maodo "Malick" Diouf represents talent, integrity, and compassion—qualities that embody the true essence of a Filipino athlete. His naturalization will not only strengthen the national basketball team but also inspire the next generation of 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
MAODO DIOUF

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

SECTION 1. Maodo Diouf 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. Maodo Diouf 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 Maodo Diouf 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,