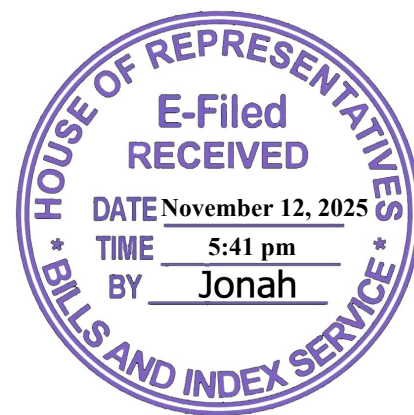


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HOUSE BILL NO. 5937



Introduced by **REPRESENTATIVE AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI**

AN ACT
GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO JAVIER C. FERNANDEZ DE CASTRO
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Javier C. Fernandez De Castro, providing him all the rights, privileges and duties appurtenant thereto under our Constitution and existing laws.

Javier C. Fernandez De Castro is a Spanish national who has lived more than 50 years of his life in the Philippines. Though born in Spain, Mr. De Castro has always identified with and upheld his Filipino heritage through his mother, who was Filipino by birth and later became a Spanish citizen by marriage.

He pursued his education in the Philippines, completing his secondary education at Aquinas School in San Juan and obtained his college degree at University of Santo Tomas in Manila. Mr. De Castro has made the Philippines his home together with his Filipina wife and their two (2) children. Over the years, he has built a distinguished career in the country, notably serving as Vice President of the Fort Bonifacio Development Corporation, where he played a vital role in the transformation of Fort Bonifacio in Taguig into what is now known as Bonifacio Global City, one of the country's premier business and lifestyle districts.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. De Castro has also been an active member of his community, serving through the Rotary Club of Makati City and participating in various civic and charitable initiatives.

In view of Javier C. Fernandez De Castro's strong ties in the country, his commitment and high regard to the Filipino values and his significant contributions in the areas of business, real estate and finance, your favorable support and approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


AUDREY KAY T. ZUBIRI
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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Javier C. Fernandez C. De Castro is hereby granted Philippine citizenship
2 with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as duties and obligations appurtenant
3 thereto, under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.
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5 **SEC. 2.** Javier C. Fernandez C. De Castro shall take an Oath of Allegiance to the
6 Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath
7 of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.
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9 **SEC. 3.** Upon the registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration
10 shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Javier C. Fernandez C. De Castro who shall
11 thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.
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13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
14 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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Approved.