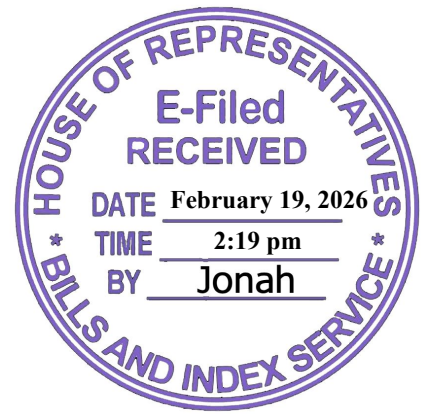


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House Bill No. **7906**



Introduced by
Rep. ROBERT NAZAL

AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO DAVID LORAN SISSON

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to confer Philippine citizenship upon Mr. David Loran Sisson, an American national who has devoted over two (2) decades of his life to the spiritual, educational, and social development of communities in General Santos City.

Born on 24 September 1991 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, United States of America, to Douglas and Rebecca Sisson, Mr. Sisson arrived in the Philippines on 5 September 1996. Since that time, he and his family have established their residence at Purok 5, Barrio 1, Lagao, General Santos City, where they committed themselves to the service of the Filipino people through faith-based initiatives.

In May 1998, his father founded a church to meet the spiritual needs of the local community. Starting with only two classes, the ministry has since expanded to serve more than three thousand five hundred (3,500) children every Saturday across approximately one hundred fifty (150) classes. The Sisson family also pioneered a program in the Philippine National Police, teaching values that promote integrity, responsibility, and civic-mindedness in all eight police stations of General Santos City.

Beyond this, the family has developed ministries catering to schools, the deaf, children, widows, and youth, as well as conducting annual youth camps and pastors' conferences across Mindanao. Their work has further extended to a television ministry, a nightly Bible Institute, and the establishment of a four-year Bible College, all aimed at nurturing leadership, faith, and service in Filipino communities.

Mr. Sisson and his family have fully embraced Filipino culture and language, with Mr. Sisson himself being fluent in Cebuano, enabling him to connect deeply with local communities. He is married to Ruthie Alonzo Sisson, of Filipino descent, who actively participates in their ministry, leading music education and choirs for children and youth, as well as contributing to the Bible College. Both completed ministry training in Lancaster, California, USA, yet chose to return to the Philippines to dedicate their skills and knowledge to the service of the Filipino people.

Having considered the Philippines his home for more than twenty-three years, Mr. Sisson now seeks to formalize his bond with our nation by becoming a Filipino citizen. In doing so, he pledges unwavering loyalty, allegiance, and continued service to the country and its people.

In view of his longstanding contributions and commitment to the Philippines, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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

SECTION 1. GRANT OF CITIZENSHIP

Mr. David Loran Sisson is hereby granted Philippine citizenship, with all the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, accorded under the Constitution and laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

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 administered Oath of Allegiance shall be recorded and registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

SECTION 3. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION

Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. David Loran Sisson, upon which he shall fully enjoy all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of Philippine citizenship.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY

This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,