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House Bill No. 8970



INTRODUCED BY HON. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Victoria Atienza Bossong is an outstanding Filipino-American distance runner, a trained violinist and pianist, and a graduate of Harvard University with Honors, earning a degree in Neuroscience with a secondary in Global Health and Health Policy on the pre-medical track.

Before that, she was the valedictorian of her high school class. Her mother, Catalina Yaco Atienza Bossong, a dentist, was born in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.

As of March 2026, her world ranking in her running event placed her at No. 1 in Asia and No. 1 in Southeast Asia. Her time is 11 seconds faster than the gold medal performance in the recent Southeast Asian Games.

Despite receiving invitations to compete in the United States, she has turned those opportunities down as her dream is to see the Philippine flag beside her name and to compete for the country that her family calls home.

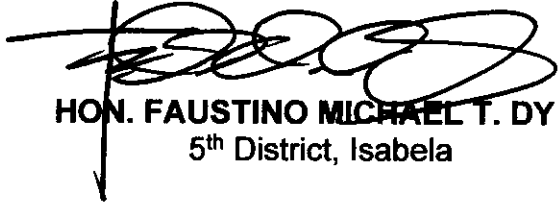
She has spent years working toward this goal and have continued despite the obstacles along the way. She hopes to serve as a doctor one day but at the moment, her passion is to run and represent the Philippines proudly in everything she does.

This Representation seeks the naturalization of Victoria Atienza Bossong due to her exceptional athletic talent, educational achievements, character, and embodiment of Filipino values.

She brings a heart that resonates with Filipino values — one that treasures family, faith, and community. She embodies the Filipino spirit of faith, excellence, and hard work.

Victoria Atienza Bossong represents talent, integrity, and deep family values — qualities that align with the ideals of a Filipino citizen. Her naturalization will strengthen the Philippine national athletics team and inspire the Filipinos to pursue academic and athletic excellence with humility, discipline, and love for the nation.

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

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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
VICTORIA ATIENZA BOSSONG

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

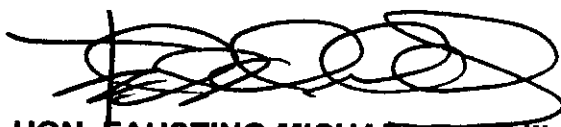
SECTION 1. Victoria Atienza Bossong is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

SECTION 2. Victoria Atienza Bossong 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 Victoria Atienza Bossong 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,



HON. FAUSTINO MICHAEL T. DY III
5th District, Isabela