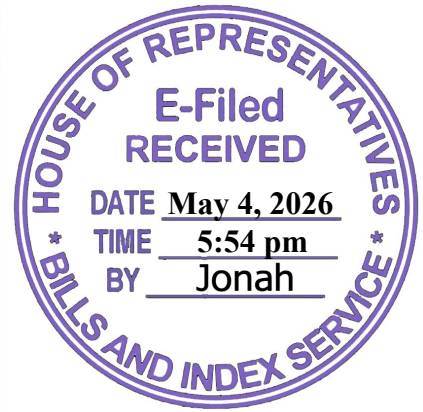


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House Bill No. 9066

Introduced by:
REP. JOEL R. CHUA and REP. FAUSTINO MICHAEL CARLOS T. DY III

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP
TO LOUANNE "JACOB" ERLANDSON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Louanne "Jacob" Erlandson, a highly accomplished footballer of Filipino descent whose discipline, professionalism, and international experience embody the excellence and resilience of the Filipino spirit, and whose inclusion would strengthen the Philippine men's national football team.

Born in Ohio, United States of America, Erlandson's connection to the Philippines is firmly rooted through his mother, a Filipina born and raised in the Philippines who later acquired United States citizenship. His willingness to represent the country reflects a strong sense of identity and pride, underscoring the enduring ties that unite Filipinos across the global diaspora.

Erlandson developed his football career at the collegiate level through Huntington University and Bowling Green State University, where his consistent

performance earned him two All-Mid American Conference First Team selections. He entered the professional ranks after being selected 40th overall in the 2022 Major League Soccer SuperDraft by Columbus Crew, gaining experience with Columbus Crew 2 in MLS Next Pro. He subsequently signed a multi-year contract with Loudoun United FC in February 2024, where he continues to compete at a high level of professional football.

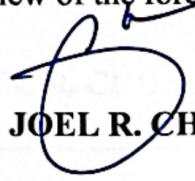
The grant of Philippine citizenship will formally establish Erlandson's eligibility to represent the country in international competitions. His inclusion enhances the national team by adding a player with proven competitive experience, strong tactical discipline, and the ability to perform in structured, high-intensity environments. His presence contributes to improving the team's overall organization, consistency, and readiness for international play.

His addition comes at a crucial time as the Philippines prepares for upcoming international competitions, including the 2026 ASEAN Championship this August 2026 and the FIFA ASEAN Cup 2026 in September. Strengthening the national pool with players of his caliber is essential to elevating the country's competitiveness and sustaining its progress on the regional and global stage.

Beyond his contributions on the field, Erlandson has expressed sincere pride in the opportunity to represent the Philippines and honor his family's heritage. His professionalism, discipline, and commitment to excellence reflect the character expected of those who carry the national flag, positioning him as a role model for aspiring Filipino athletes.

More importantly, this measure affirms the State's commitment to recognizing Filipinos abroad who choose to represent and uplift the nation. It reinforces the principle that national identity is strengthened by shared heritage, dedication, and a collective aspiration to bring honor to the Philippines.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this measure 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 Philippine Citizenship to Louanne "Jacob" Erlandson.*

Louanne "Jacob" Erlandson 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.

Sec. 2. *Oath of Allegiance.* Louanne "Jacob" Erlandson shall take the Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

Sec. 3. *Certificate of Naturalization and Enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.* Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue

a Certificate of Naturalization to Louanne "Jacob" Erlandson who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

Sec. 4. *Effectivity.* This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,