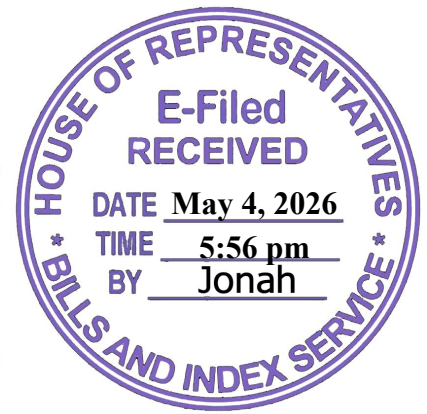


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House Bill No. 9068

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

**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP
TO NYA LAYSON HARRISON**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This proposed measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Nya Layson Harrison, a highly accomplished footballer of Filipino descent whose athletic excellence, discipline, and international experience embody the excellence and resilience of the Filipino spirit, and whose inclusion would significantly strengthen the Philippine national women's football team, the Filipinas.

Harrison's connection to the Philippines is deeply rooted through her mother, Sherill Bonoan Layson, a natural-born Filipino from Quezon City. Born in the United States in 2002, Harrison was raised in a household where Filipino culture and values were central to her identity. Her ties to the country have been further strengthened through time spent with her grandparents in Mandaluyong City, reflecting a sustained and meaningful connection to her heritage.

Harrison is a professional football player currently representing San Diego Wave FC in the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL), one of the most competitive women's football leagues in the world. Her extensive experience in high-level competition, including a championship-winning collegiate career at Stanford University, has equipped her with the technical ability, tactical awareness, and composure necessary to perform on the international stage. She has already demonstrated her commitment to the national program through participation in training camps and multiple visits to the Philippines.

The grant of Philippine citizenship will formally establish Harrison's eligibility to represent the country in international competitions. More importantly, it affirms a bond that has long existed through heritage, upbringing, and sustained engagement with the Filipino community. Her inclusion strengthens the national team by adding a player with proven experience in elite competition, enhancing overall squad depth, consistency, and readiness for high-intensity international matches.

Her addition comes at a critical juncture as the Philippines prepares for qualification and participation in the FIFA Women's World Cup 2027 in Brazil. Competing at this level requires players with global exposure, competitive maturity, and the ability to perform under pressure. Harrison's experience in top-tier football environments is expected to contribute meaningfully to the Filipinas' continued development and their ability to compete against the world's best.

Beyond her contributions on the field, Harrison has expressed a strong commitment to the development of Philippine sports. She has shown a genuine interest in supporting grassroots programs and engaging with local communities,

positioning herself as a role model who can inspire Filipino youth to pursue excellence and represent the country with pride.

More importantly, this measure affirms the State's commitment to recognizing Filipinos abroad who actively choose to represent and uplift the nation. It reinforces the principle that national identity is strengthened by shared heritage, lived experience, and a genuine desire 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 Nya Layson Harrison.* Nya Layson Harrison 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.* Nya Layson Harrison 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 Nya Layson Harrison 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,