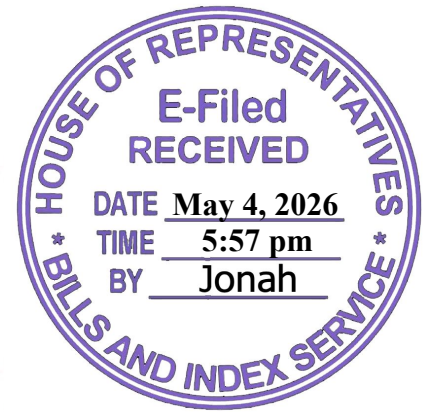


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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP  
TO EMMA ROSE VALENZUELA TOVAR**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This proposed measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Emma Rose Valenzuela Tovar, an exceptional footballer of Filipino descent whose elite talent, 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.

Tovar's connection to the Philippines is deeply rooted in a strong, multi-generational lineage in Tarlac. Her mother is the daughter of parents who were both born and raised in the province. Beyond lineage, she has maintained an active and meaningful presence in the Philippines, regularly returning to Tarlac during her professional off-seasons. She has consistently demonstrated a service-oriented commitment to her community by organizing annual charitable initiatives during the celebration of Three Kings Day (Tres Reyes), providing clothing and essential

support to local families. This sustained engagement reflects a genuine and enduring bond with the Filipino people.

Her commitment to the national team has already been demonstrated through her participation in Philippine women's national team training camps, where she exhibited high-level technical ability, composure, and leadership on the pitch. These qualities position her as a valuable contributor to the continued development and competitiveness of the Filipinas.

The grant of Philippine citizenship will formally establish Tovar's eligibility to represent the country in international competitions. More importantly, it affirms a bond that has long existed through heritage, service, and personal commitment. Her inclusion strengthens the national team not only in terms of skill and experience, but also in character and leadership.

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 the highest level of international football requires a roster composed of players with global exposure, tactical maturity, and the ability to perform under pressure. Tovar's international experience and competitive mindset are expected to contribute to enhancing the team's performance, particularly as the Filipinas seek to build on their historic progress and establish a stronger presence on the world stage.


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, sustained engagement, 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 Emma Rose Valenzuela Tovar.*** Emma Rose Valenzuela Tovar 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.*** Emma Rose Valenzuela Tovar 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 Emma Rose Valenzuela Tovar 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,