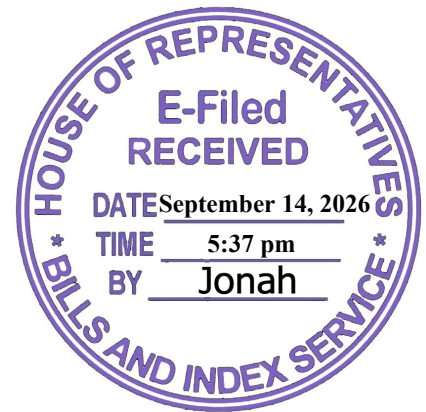


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HOUSE BILL NO. 11312



Introduced by **REP. JAVIER MIGUEL L. BENITEZ**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to **Mr. David Loran Sisson**, an American national who has spent most of his life in the Philippines and has established deep and enduring ties to the country and the Filipino people.

Mr. Sisson was born on September 24, 1991 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, United States of America. At the age of four, he moved with his family to General Santos City, Philippines, where his parents served as missionaries. He and his three siblings grew up in General Santos City and became immersed in Filipino culture and community life.

In May 1998, his father established a church in General Santos City as part of the family's missionary work. From modest beginnings, their ministry expanded to reach thousands of children through weekly classes and developed various programs serving children, young people, persons with disabilities, widows, pastors, and members of the community. Their activities likewise included values formation programs involving police trainees and personnel, youth camps, pastors' conferences, a television ministry, a Bible institute, and a four-year Bible college.

Having grown up in the Philippines, Mr. Sisson learned to communicate in Cebuano and Tagalog and developed strong personal and cultural ties with Filipinos. He pursued his college education at West Coast Baptist College in California from 2011 to 2015 and thereafter returned to a life closely connected with the Philippines.

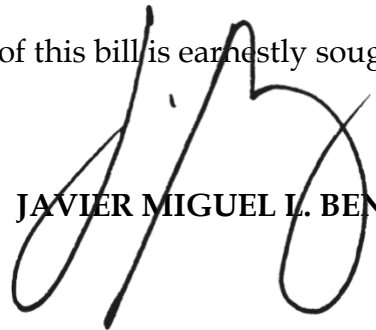
In 2015, Mr. Sisson became a full-time personal assistant to Filipino boxing champion and former Senator Manny Pacquiao. In 2016, he married Ruthie Alonzo

Sisson, whose family is of Filipino descent, and the couple thereafter made the Philippines their home. They now have three children.

For nearly three decades, Mr. Sisson's life has been closely intertwined with the Philippines. He spent his formative years in General Santos City, has participated in religious and community activities serving Filipinos, has established his family here, and has chosen the Philippines as the country where he intends to permanently reside and raise his children.

His desire to become a Filipino citizen is therefore not merely incidental to his residence in the country, but is consistent with his longstanding attachment to the Philippines, his integration into Filipino society, and his commitment to continue living in and serving the country he considers his home.

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



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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO DAVID LORAN SISSON

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

SECTION 1. *Grant of Philippine Citizenship.* — Mr. David Loran Sisson 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.* — 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 Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

SEC. 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, who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

SEC. 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,