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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 35

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on December 4, 2025

Re: House Bill No. 6639

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 4401

Sponsors: Representatives Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro and Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 4401, introduced by Representative Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, entitled:

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BENNIE FRANCOIS BOATWRIGHT III

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 6639 entitled:

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BENNIE FRANCOIS BOATWRIGHT III

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 4401, with Representatives Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III and Lordan G. Suan as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

Atty. GERVILLE "JINKY BITRICS" R. LUISTRO
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

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HOUSE BILL NO. 6639
(In substitution of House Bill No. 4401)

Introduced by Representatives Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Atty. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" R. Luistro, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III and Lordan G. Suan

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BENNIE FRANCOIS BOATWRIGHT III

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

1 SECTION 1. Bennie Francois Boatwright is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with
2 all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations
3 appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the
4 Philippines.

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6 SEC. 2. Bennie Francois Boatwright shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic
7 of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of
8 Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

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10 SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall
11 issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Bennie Francois Boatwright, who shall thereupon
12 enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

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

Approved,

**House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department**

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 6639

(In substitution of House Bill No. 4401)

(Approved by the Committee on November 26, 2025)

**“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
BENNIE FRANCOIS BOATWRIGHT III”**

Introduced by: Reps. Faustino Michael Carlos T. Dy III, Gerville “Jinky Bitrics” R. Luistro, Emigdio P. Tanjuatco III and Lordan G. Suan

*Committee Referral: **COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE***

*Committee Chairperson: **REP. ATTY. GERVILLE “JINKY BITRICS” R. LUISTRO***

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Bennie Francois Boatwright III, a citizen of Los Angeles, California, USA, considering that:

- he is a 27-year-old basketball player from Los Angeles, California, standing at 6 feet 10 inches in height;
- he averaged 7 points and 12 rebounds per game during his senior year in high school, and eventually signed with the University of Southern California during his college years, where he averaged a total of 18.2 points, 6.6 rebounds, and 2.5 assists per game;
- he became an import for the PBA Commissioner’s Cup, and signed with the San Miguel Beermen in December 2023, which eventually led both Boatwright and the San Miguel Beermen to win the crown—tallying at 19 points, 13 rebounds, and 8 assists in Game Six of the Finals;
- his skills and prospects of naturalization are aligned with the Samahang Basketbol ng Pilipinas’ (SBP) program which consists of having a pool of talented naturalized players available;
- he can be an invaluable asset to the Philippine basketball team, with his outstanding talent in basketball coupled with his eagerness to play for the Philippine flag, and is certain to bring pride and honor to the country.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Bennie Francois Boatwright III with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, appurtenant thereto.
- Provides that upon the taking of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, registration of the

same with the Bureau of Immigration, and issuance of his Certificate of Naturalization, Mr. Boatwright shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

RELATED LAW:

- Article IV, Section 1(4), 1987 Constitution