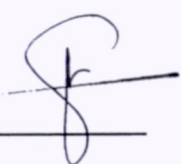


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**AN ACT  
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ROBERT WALY LOPEZ MENDY**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Robert Waly Lopez Mendy, giving him all the rights and privileges as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the land.

Robert Waly Lopez Mendy was born in Dakar, Republic of Senegal on 23 February 1987. He acquired his college degree of Literature and Language, Major in French Language from College Sacre Coeur in Dakar, Senegal.

He moved to the Philippines on 13 August 2013 when he started playing as an import for the Philippines Football League (PFL), a Filipino professional association football league sanctioned by the Philippine Football Association. He is currently employed as a football player of the Ceres Negros Football Club, one of the teams playing in the PFL, with registered office address at Ayala Northpoint in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental.

During his stint as import in the PFL, Mr. Mendy also participated in Asian Football Confederation games as a member of the Philippine team. He dreams to become part of the Philippine National Soccer Team and contribute in bringing honor and glory to the Philippines as it joins more international competitions in the future.

Mr. Mendy married Maebel "Ameera" Ybera Lacastesantos, a Filipina, on 17 July 2016. Together with his wife and son, he engages in community work every Christmas and end of Ramadan to give back to the people that has embraced him over the years. He has learned to love the country and its people, who he admires for their warmth, resilience, and their special characteristic of giving primacy to family over everything else.

Mr. Mendy envisions a Philippines that is known not only in the worlds of basketball and boxing. It is his desire to play an integral part in developing football in the country and helping mold the youth to become competitive and at the same time teach them to uphold the ideals of sportsmanship and fair play.

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

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

1       **Section 1.** Mr. Robert Waly Lopez Mendy is hereby granted Philippine  
2 citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and  
3 obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the  
4 Republic of the Philippines.

5       **Sec. 2.** Upon taking his Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized  
6 for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration,  
7 Mr. Robert Waly Lopez Mendy shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine  
8 citizenship.

9       **Sec. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of  
10 Immigration shall issue Mr. Robert Waly Lopez Mendy his Certificate of  
11 Naturalization.

12       **Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least  
13 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

**Approved,**