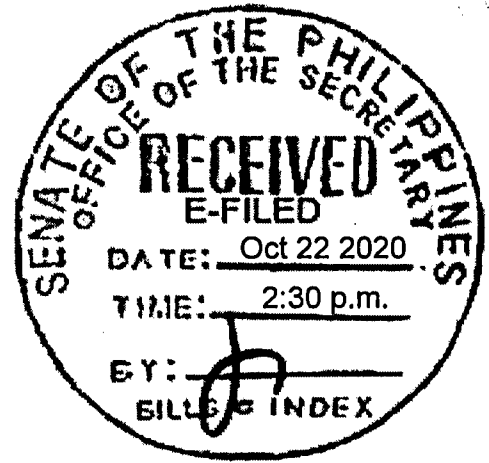


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SENATE
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Introduced by Senator SONNY ANGARA

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ANGELO KOUAME

EXPLANATORY NOTE

20-year old basketball player Angelo Kouame has dominated the sport of basketball since his arrival in the Philippines.

While basketball was not the first sport introduced to the 6-foot-10 Ivory Coast native, Kouame eventually learned the ropes while using his huge frame to his advantage. Scouts from Ateneo De Manila University (ADMU) quickly noticed Kouame's potential which led to him moving to the Philippines in 2016.

Since his UAAP debut in 2018 with the ADMU Blue Eagles, his performance has been admired. During the 81st season of UAAP Men's Basketball, he eventually earned the Rookie of the Year award after tallying 12.5 points, 11.8 rebounds, 2.9 blocks, and 1.4 assists. He was also a strong contender for the Most Valuable Player (MVP) Award in the following season. Needless to say, his contributions have been instrumental in ADMU winning two (2) of their three (3) consecutive championships.

Kouame's passion for basketball garnered him numerous praises from his coaches, local basketball analysts and fans. From having little knowledge of the sport back in the Ivory Coast, he has definitely proven that he can thrive on Philippine shores.

Taking cue from other countries, the Philippines has been allowing naturalized athletes, such as Marcus Douthit and Andray Blatche, to complement our national teams as a way to improve its global rankings. With his young age and potential, Kouame would be a great addition to Philippine basketball and the Philippine sporting

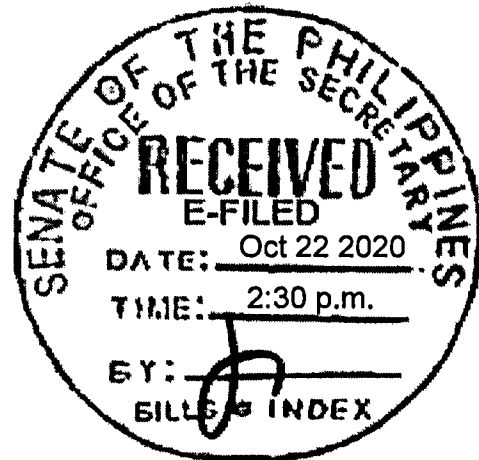
community at large. This bill, which is a counterpart of the measure filed by Representative Roberto "Robbie" V. Puno, seeks to grant Philippine Citizenship to Angelo Kouame because, although he may not have been a Filipino by birth, he embodies the Filipino values of perseverance, determination and dedication to his craft.

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



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

1 **SECTION 1. *Grant of Philippine Citizenship to Angelo Kouame.*** – Mr.
2 Angelo Kouame is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges
3 and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the
4 Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

5 **SEC. 2. *Oath of Allegiance.*** – Mr. Angelo Kouame shall take the Oath of
6 Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this
7 purpose. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

8 **SEC. 3. *Certificate of Naturalization and Enjoyment of Philippine***
9 ***Citizenship.*** – Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration
10 shall forthwith issue Mr. Angelo Kouame's Certificate of Naturalization, who shall
11 thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

12 **SEC. 4. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication
13 in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,