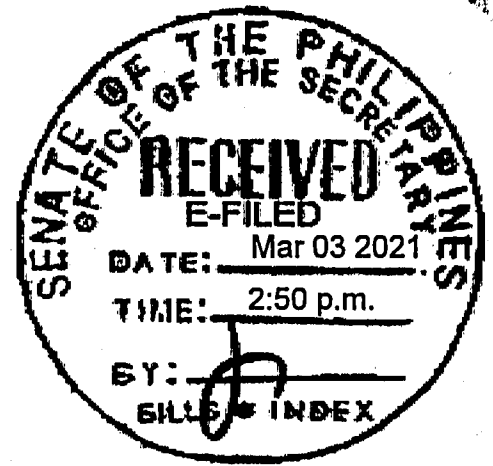


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**AN ACT**  
**GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO DANIEL HONGJU UM**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Being a citizen means being part of a political community which is personal and more or less permanent in character. As a political status, birth alone, does not make a person a citizen. As explained by the Supreme Court in the case of *Jose Tang Chong v. The Secretary of Labor*<sup>1</sup>:

“While birth is an important element of citizenship, it alone does not make a person a citizen of the country of his birth. Youth spent in the country; intimate and endearing association with the citizens among whom he lives; knowledge and pride of the country’s past; belief in the greatness and security of its institutions, in the loftiness of its ideals, and in the ability of the country’s government to protect him, his children, and his earthly possessions against perils from within and from without; and his readiness to defend the country against such perils, are some of the important elements that would make a person living in a country its citizen. Citizenship is a political status. The citizen must be proud of his citizenship. He should treasure and cherish it.”

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Daniel Hongju Um, who was born on 16 October 1995 in Mandaluyong City to Korean and American parents. Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> G.R. No. 47623, September 16, 1947.

Um grew up in Manila where he first fell in love with and started to embrace the Filipino culture, values, and tradition. Throughout his life, he has forged deep and solid relationships with his Filipino friends at school, and was an active member of the Philippine Tennis Association (PHILTA) circuit.

While in high school, Mr. Um was active in socio-civic activities, volunteering in various medical missions, spending weekends reading to children and volunteering at the Guitnangbayan School in San Mateo, Rizal where he raised funds for school computers and created animated educational videos to supplement existing learning materials for the conduct of the National Achievement Test.

Despite his admission to Harvard directly from high school, Daniel asked Harvard to defer his entrance and instead studied at the Ateneo University, where he immersed himself in the Filipino tertiary education system. Thereafter, Mr. Um brought with him this enthusiasm to serve, encourage and empower Filipinos when he went to Harvard University. There he was active with the Harvard Philippine Forum, a venue where close-knit families of Filipinos, Filipino-Americans, and their friends actively promote Philippine culture. In recognition of his patriotic Filipino values, he was appointed president of the Filipino club where he raised cultural awareness through monthly Filipino-themed 'study breaks', Tagalog tables, guest lectures, and intercollegiate dance festivals. He now intends to bring back home the knowledge and experience in the fields of computer science, biotech and economics gained abroad, to help with development and prosperity.

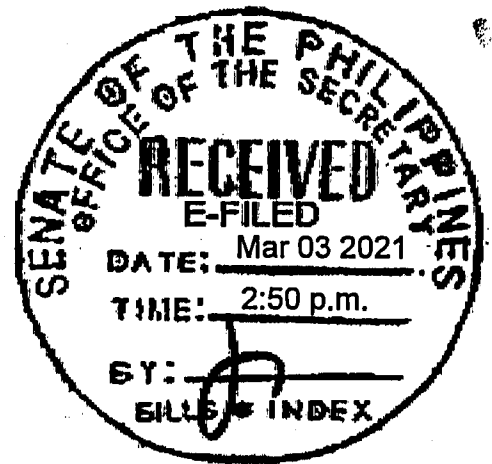
Mr. Um has always considered himself as Filipino and is proud of his Philippine ties and what he considers as his Philippine heritage. He has always believed that the Philippines is his only home and the place where he wants to spend the rest of his life – serving his *kababayans*, uplifting the lives of Filipinos and ultimately giving back to the country that he calls his own.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this 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 Daniel Hongju Um.*** – Mr.  
2 Daniel Hongju Um 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. Daniel Hongju Um 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. Daniel Hongju Um’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 fifteen (15) days after its  
13 publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

*Approved,*