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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JUSTIN DONTA BROWNLEE

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Having spent time in the Philippines for over five (5) years, American-born Justin Donta Brownlee has embraced the culture and history of the country through his stint representing the well-established and storied Barangay Ginebra basketball team of the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA). More importantly, through his combination of basketball fundamentals, impressive basketball IQ, and high-flying acrobats, Filipinos – especially basketball aficionados – have come to appreciate the hard work and dedication that Brownlee has exhibited.

With the 6-foot-6 swingman expressing his deep desire to further his contribution to the country by becoming part of the Gilas Pilipinas national basketball team in the ongoing International Basketball Federation (FIBA) Basketball World Cup qualifiers by way of naturalization, fans and basketball experts expect that Brownlee – should he be given the chance – will post high numbers similar to his output in the PBA. Based on the PBA website, Brownlee is currently averaging of 29.29 points per game (PPG), 10.57 rebounds per game (RPG), and 7.43 assists per game (APG).

His contributions helped Barangay Ginebra win five (5) PBA titles and has resulted in him winning the Best Import Award twice. In addition, Brownlee has cemented himself as one of the top 10 all-time import scoring leaders along with other

PBA legends Norman Black and Bobby Parks Sr.

Other than his outstanding output as a basketball player and the enjoyment he brings to basketball-crazed Filipinos, Brownlee's strong pursuit to don the national team's jersey and be among those who bring pride and glory to the Philippines should also be taken into account. Hence, in view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure 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 Justin Donta***
2 ***Brownlee.*** – Mr. Justin Donta Brownlee is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with
3 all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations
4 appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the
5 Philippines.

6 **SEC. 2. *Oath of Allegiance.*** – Mr. Justin Donta Brownlee shall take the
7 Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized
8 for this purpose. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of
9 Immigration.

10 **SEC. 3. *Certificate of Naturalization and Enjoyment of Philippine***
11 ***Citizenship.*** – Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
12 Immigration shall forthwith issue Mr. Justin Donta Brownlee’s Certificate of
13 Naturalization, who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine
14 citizenship.

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

17 *Approved,*