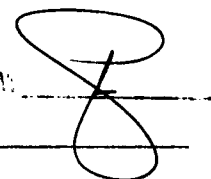


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**AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ALEKSANDR KOROVIN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics was a great success for the Philippines. Aside from the country winning its first gold medal, the Filipino contingent who participated in said event produced the biggest medal haul for the Philippines. All Filipinos around the world was filled with pride and joy, during that moment in time, all Filipinos were proud to be Filipinos. Achievements by Filipino athletes in prestigious international sports events are essential to the Filipino DNA.

This representation's brother, Philippine Olympic Committee President Abraham "Bambol" N. Tolentino and Philippine Skating Union President Dominique Cheng are working hard to ensure the success of the Philippines in the Winter Olympics, and found Isabella Gamez, a figure skater. She is a full-blooded Filipina and was able to qualify and participate in the 2023 World Figure Skating Championships, held last 20 to 27 March 2023 in Saitama, Japan. Isabella Gamez was able to qualify in the pairs category with Aleksandr Korovin.

Aleksandr Korovin is Russian and has been the partner of Isabella Gamez in various international figure skating competitions since 2021, They have been carrying the Philippine flag in international figure skating competitions because the Philippine Skating Union formally asked that Aleksandr Korovin be released from the Russian Skating Federation. Such set-up is allowed in other international figure skating competitions, but not in the Winter Olympics. The rules in the Winter Olympics require partners in the pairs category must be citizens of the country in which they are representing.

As partners, Isabella Gamez and Aleksandr Korovin are the first pair of skaters to win an international medal for the Philippines. They won a Silver Medal at the 2022 Trophée Metropole Nice Côte d'Azur, an international figure skating competition held in Nice, France. They were also the first figure skating pair from Southeast Asia that qualified to participate in a World Figure Skating Championships event.

The future looks bright for the partnership of Isabella Gamez and Aleksandr Korovin in pairs figure skating. Being able to participate in the 2023 World Figure

Skating Championships is a step closer for the Philippines' chance for a medal in the 2026 Winter Olympics.

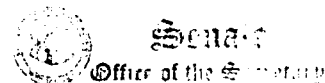
Aleksandr Korovin is fully committed in becoming a Filipino and he is also dedicated to bring more honor to the Philippines by continuously winning in international figure skating competitions with Isabella Gamez. This representation believes that granting Filipino citizenship to Aleksandr Korovin is necessary and must be pushed. It is high time that the Philippines win a medal in the Winter Olympics, just as how the country won its first gold medal in the Summer Olympics. This dream of success in the Winter Olympics will come to fruition when the Senate gives it full support to Isabella Gamez and her partner, Aleksandr Korovin.

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



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Aleksandr Korovin is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all
2 the rights, privileges, and prerogatives, as well as, duties and obligations appurtenant
3 thereto, under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.
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5 **Sec. 2.** Aleksandr Korovin shall take the Oath of Allegiance before a duly
6 authorized officer to administer the same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered
7 with the Bureau of Immigration.
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9 **Sec. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration
10 shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Aleksand Korovin who shall thereupon
11 enter into full employment the Philippine citizenship.
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13 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official
14 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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16 Approved,