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SENATE BILL NO. 3576

Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Citizenship refers to a person's membership in a political community. It is a legal status that confers civil, political and social rights to a person. Hence, he is free to act according to the law and having the right to claim the law's protection.

Under the present (1987) Philippine Constitution, Philippine citizenship can be conferred to an alien through the process of naturalization. Naturalization is a process by which a foreigner becomes a citizen of another state. This operates either directly or indirectly. By direct operation, citizenship may be acquired through a special act of the legislature.

This bill seeks to confer this privilege of granting Filipino citizenship to Mr. Dennis Guy Martin, French national, through a special act of the Philippine Congress.

Mr. Dennis Martin, 51 years old, is a resident of Barangay Hulo, Pililia, Rizal and has been in the Philippines for more than eighteen (18) years. Born on March 5, 1958 in Nancy, France, he obtained his degree in Technicien Superieur in Physics and Chemistry at the AFPA Champs Sur Marne in 1980. In 1984, he became an Explosive Engineer at the Institute of Explosive Engineers, United Kingdom. He is a father to five Filipino/French children all of whom were enrolled in schools duly recognized by the Philippine government where Philippine history, government and civics were taught as part of the school curriculum and which do not limit its admission to any particular race or nationality. He speaks English, French and Filipino.

Mr. Martin started his career in 1981 by helping Filipino to obtain overseas employment on the oil rigs and platforms in the United Arab of Emirates (UAE). He provided work and livelihood opportunities to hundreds of Filipinos. From 1987 to 1991, he worked for an international company where its head office in the South East Asia was based in Manila. In 1991, he decided to reside permanently in the Philippines and began to embrace Filipino culture, tradition and way of life. Upon residing in the Philippines, he started to incorporate his present company - Drilling and Blasting Management Group, Inc. In 1992, he applied and was subsequently granted by the Bureau of Investment a Special Investor Resident Visa (S.I.R.V.). At present, Mr. Martin possesses a multiple entry-indefinite resident visa issued by the Bureau of Immigration.

Mr. Martin's expertise in the field of explosive engineering has earned him the reputation of being the only foreigner given by the Philippine National Police (PNP) the license to Possess Explosives from 1996 up to 2005. He shared his technical knowledge to his Filipino workers in his company. He taught them special skills in the field of drilling equipment maintenance, hydraulic drill operation and proper use of explosives. Eventually, some of these Filipino workers whom he trained were able to find employment abroad.

Mr. Martin's passion for helping Filipinos, for the past 17 years, is best exemplified by his very active participation in the development of his community in Pililia, Rizal. He participated in the community's infrastructure development by entirely financing a farm-to-market road (Calubcob feeder Road) in Barangay Hulo, Pililia, Rizal. In the area of education, he participated in the construction of a national school (Hulo Elementary School) in Pililia, Rizal by supplying the municipality with heavy equipment machinery and shouldering the cost of the initial leveling and earthmoving of the land where the school stands. This endeavor has benefited some 300 local children in Pililia, Rizal. To maintain the community's cleanliness and peace and order, he donated to Barangay Hulo some grass cutters, uniforms and other equipments. He also participates in town celebration – like fiestas and other happenings – by offering donations and organizing activities.

The generosity and desire of Mr. Martin to help his community extends even up to the granting of the use of his personal properties such as but not limited to his resort and swimming pool in Pililia, Rizal. He allowed the use of the said swimming pool, free of charge, to the local children, municipal employees, school teachers and students of Pililia, Rizal.

These are just some of the worthy contributions of Mr. Martin who unselfishly devoted his time, effort and resources to help Filipinos to become a self-reliant and self-sufficient. At present, he is testing alternate crops in order to disseminate them eventually to Filipinos in his local community.

For this, he has sought favorably the endorsements and reference of **Mayor LEANDRO V. MASIKIP, SR. (Municipality of Pililia, Rizal), LT. GENERAL HERMOGENES ESPERON, JR., LT. GENERAL DELFIN N. BANGIT (Armed Forces Southern Luzon Commander)** and other government officials.

Mr. Martin has manifested his desire to live in Philippines, to be fully integrated into the home and heart of every Filipino – for the rest of his life – and to be a Filipino in all activities, with all the responsibilities and pride of a "Pinoy".

By virtue of his invaluable and immense contributions to the development of the infrastructure, livelihood and educational aspect of Filipinos, Mr. Martin has exemplary proven his worth to be granted the legal status to become a citizen of the Philippines.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. A. Madrigal", written in a cursive style.

M. A. MADRIGAL

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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO DENIS GUY MARTIN

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

Section 1. Denis Guy Martin is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

Section 2. Upon the taking and registration of the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before the Bureau of Immigration and the issuance to him of the Certificate of Naturalization, Denis Guy Martin shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,