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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP
TO HANS-PETER SMIT

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Recognizing his exemplary contributions to grassroots sports in the Philippines, particularly in the field of football, this measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Hans-Peter Van Sprew Smit, with all the rights and corresponding obligations appurtenant thereto as a natural born Filipino citizen.

Mr. Han-Peter Smit, 56, was born in Jakarta, Indonesia but has been residing in the Philippines since he was six (6) years old. Mr. Smit has four (4) children, all born Filipino, and is married to Carmencita Carlos Smit, also a Filipino.

He started his coaching career in football at the very early age of 21. He was considered the youngest football coach in the country at that time. Mr. Smit also became the youngest Athletic Director in the country when he started the Varsity Program for De La Salle Santiago Zobel School (DLSZ) in Alabang.

Aside from coaching football, he organizes football events such as festivals, leagues and national championships. He is also an official Match Commissioner (MC) for the Philippine Football Federation (PFF) and a certified Asian Football Confederation Match Commissioner. He has represented the Philippines in numerous international football events as coach and as representative to various coaching seminars in and around Asia.

Mr. Hans-Peter Smit has been active in Philippine football for the last 34 years. His passion for the sport and his willingness to contribute to the wellbeing and development of Philippine football, especially for the underprivileged, grassroots and women's and girls' football, makes him as much as a Filipino as any other Filipino in the country.

Having spent fifty (50) years of his life here in the Philippines, he considers the country as his home, and embraces Filipino custom, tradition, and ideals. Thus, he seeks to be granted Filipino citizenship under Article IV of the Philippine Constitution.

In view of the foregoing, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Mr. Hans-Peter Smit is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights,
2 privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the
3 Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

4 **SECTION 2.** After the taking by Mr. Hans-Peter Smit of his Oath of Allegiance before an
5 officer duly authorized for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of
6 Immigration, Mr. Hans-Peter Smit shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine
7 citizenship.

8 **SECTION. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall
9 forthwith issue Mr. Hans-Peter Smit's Certificate of Naturalization.

10 **SECTION. 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least two (2)
11 newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,