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Introduced by **Senator Richard "Dick" J. Gordon**

**AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BRUCE DONALD MCTAVISH**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Bruce Donald McTavish, with all the rights and corresponding obligations appurtenant thereto as a natural-born Filipino citizen.

Bruce Donald Mc Tavish was born in Auckland, New Zealand. He moved to the Philippines in February 12, 1967 and settled in Angeles City, Pampanga, where he provided exemplary contributions as a sportsman, entrepreneur, civil leader, devout Catholic and philanthropist.

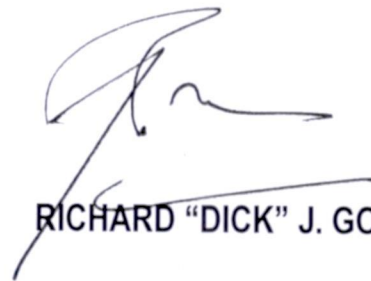
McTavish, a boxing referee for over 35 years, spearheaded seminars for ring officials around the country sponsored by the Games and Amusement Board and the World Boxing Council (WBC). He also popularized international darts in the Philippines, being a champion of five international tournaments that were held in Pampanga and Manila.

McTavish was among the pioneer investors in the Clark Freeport Zone (Clark Special Economic Zone). He exemplified business skills and leadership that enabled him to become the President of the Hotel and Restaurant Association in Pampanga. He was also the only non-Filipino director of the Metro Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

In 1983, he became the president of the Rotary Club of Mabalacat, Pampanga and initiated the first anti-polio program of the international club worldwide. He also headed Rotary Club of Clark Centennial Street as its president and, together with other members, formed the Rotary Club of Clark Centennial Street Children Foundation, Inc.

McTavish was conferred the title of Grand Knight Of the Knights of Columbus in 1969 and its first non-Filipino appointed District Deputy in 1971. In 1972, he became the president of St. James Cursillo and a lector thereafter.

McTavish is a staunch advocate of street children's rights, raising funds to support the education and subsistence of 71 school children and providing lodging to 35 of them. In 2005, he motivated the street children to engage in sports by introducing rugby-football. Furthermore, he hosted the first Pony League Baseball Tournament Elimination Series, which was participated by teams from Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan and two other Filipino teams, at the "Angeles Bahay Bata Center."



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

1 **SECTION 1.** Bruce Donald McTavish is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all
2 the rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto. Upon taking and registration of
3 the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines, Bruce McTavish shall enter the full
4 enjoyment of the Philippine citizenship.

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6 **Sec. 2. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, rules and regulations or
7 other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby
8 repealed or modified accordingly.

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10 **Sec. 3. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following the
11 completion of its publication either in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general
12 circulation in the Philippines.

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14 *Approved,*