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Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

**AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO
BIENVENIDO MARAÑÓN MOREJÓN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Bienvenido Marañón Morejón, giving him all the rights and privileges as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the land.


Born on 15 May 1986, Bienvenido Marañón Morejón started playing football as a young boy in the streets of Cadiz, Spain. His special talent in the sport became apparent early in his life, earning his first paycheck as a professional football player at the young age of sixteen.

He came to the Philippines on 17 May 2015 to play for Ceres Negros Football Club, one of the teams in the Philippines Football League (PFL), with registered office address at Ayala Northpoint in Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. Since playing for the team, Mr. Morejón was named the top scorer of the league in 2017 and 2019, and the best import player in 2017, 2018, and 2019. He was also the top scorer of the AFC Cup, an annual continental club football competition organized by the Asian Football Confederation and participated in by 36 teams, in 2019.

In the five years that he has been playing football in the Philippines, Bienvenido Marañón Morejón has come to love the country and its people. He engages himself in community work, collaborating with local football clubs in Sagay and Bacolod in Negros Occidental, Boracay in Aklan, as well as in Manila. He wants to inspire and encourage the Filipino youth to play the sport that saved him from drugs, alcohol and other bad habits.

He dreams of building a family in this country, and raising his children surrounded by the kindness, humility, and hospitality that Filipinos are known for. He also aspires to represent the Philippines as part of the national team vying in international competitions, and make the country known as one of the top teams in the world of football.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



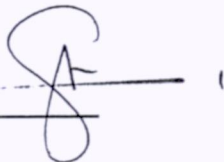
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **Section 1.** Mr. Bienvenido Marañón Morejón is hereby granted Philippine
2 citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and
3 obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the
4 Republic of the Philippines.

5 **Sec. 2.** Upon taking his Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized
6 for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration,
7 Mr. Bienvenido Marañón Morejón shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his
8 Philippine citizenship.

9 **Sec. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
10 Immigration shall issue Mr. Bienvenido Marañón Morejón his Certificate of
11 Naturalization.

12 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least
13 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,