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S.B. No. 2403

Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ZIBIN "DEREK" LIANG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This measure seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Zibin "Derek" Liang, 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.

Mr. Liang is a Hong Kong national with numerous business investments in the Philippines. His company, Tianyi Capital Limited has forty percent ownership in Golden TW Realty and Development Corporation, a Philippine company with a paidup capital amounting to more than 1.6 billion pesos, with various properties in Tagaytay and Boracay, as well as several other business ventures in the country. He is currently serving as the only director of Tianyi Capital Limited. Prior to this, Mr. Liang worked in various finance companies in places like the USA, China, and Hong Kong.

Mr. Liang completed his degree in Finance at the Indiana University – Kelley School of Business in Indiana, USA. He then pursued graduate studies in business and finance, completing a Master in Business Administration degree at the George Washington University – School of Business in Washington DC, USA.

Aside from his business engagements, Mr. Liang is also deeply involved in philanthropic work in the country. Throughout the years, he has helped many Filipinos in need of assistance. He has extended financial aid to victims of Typhoon Yolanda, and has helped the displaced residents of Marawi City through the Bakwit Village Phase 2 Project. Located in Saguiaran, Lanao del Sur, the Bakwit Village Phase 2 Project consists of one hundred thirty (130) housing units, twenty (20) livelihood stalls, and two (2) educational buildings. The project was completed in 2019, and Mr. Liang continues to support it by paying for the community's utilities to this day. Mr. Liang has also extended assistance to various local governments especially during this time of pandemic, helping the city of Parañaque, where he currently resides, as well as other neighboring cities such as Makati and Muntinlupa. Furthermore, Mr. Liang has been a long-time supporter and donor of Batang Munti Foundation, Inc., a non-governmental organization that helps the indigent children and out-of-school youth of Muntinlupa.

Mr. Liang's businesses have provided employment to many Filipinos, and his charitable work has uplifted the lives of countless more. This shows his genuine love

for our country and its people, thus making him worthy of the privilege to be granted Filipino citizenship.

In view of the foregoing, the 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. Zibin "Derek" Liang is hereby granted Philippine citizenship 2 with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations 3 appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the 4 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. Zibin "Derek" Liang shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine 8 citizenship.

9 **Sec. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of 10 Immigration shall issue Mr. Zibin "Derek" Liang his Certificate of Naturalization.

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

Approved,