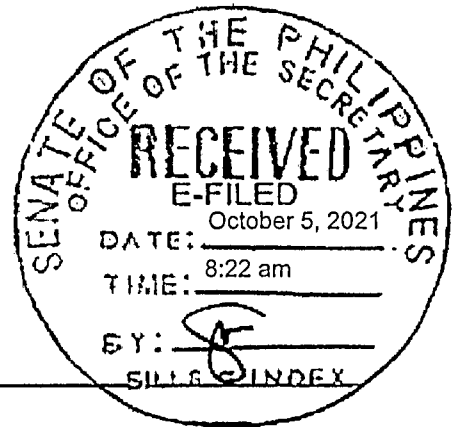


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to **PATRICK FRANCOIS RENUCCI**, a French and Italian national who has planted his roots and contributed much to the Philippines as a businessman and a philanthropist.

Last July 05, 2019, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte himself accorded his support for the endowment and endorsement of the immediate naturalization of Mr. Renucci during the inauguration ceremonies of their rice processing complex in Alangalang, Leyte.

Renucci left his hometown in France and Italy to go to Leyte in 2015, just after Typhoon Yolanda had struck, in order to dedicate his life to uplifting Filipino rice farmers of Leyte from poverty by producing world class rice for the Filipino people. He founded Chen Yi Agventures Rice Processing Center (CYA-RPC) in Alangalang, Leyte, the most technologically advanced in Southeast Asia and the largest in the Visayas and Mindanao regions.

Mr. Renucci introduced the innovative technology of the CYA-RPC in drying, storage, milling and packaging which ensures that Renucci Rice is pest and contamination free. Weevils and other pests are eliminated during the drying process at 59°C, during the milling process that deploys continuous cleaning of the grains, and in the packaging that uses technology and not chemicals to eliminate the contaminants. Renucci Rice is the only rice produced in industrial quantities in the Philippines that is chemical free. *No pesticides, no fumigants, no artificial fragrances.*

As a French and Italian national, Renucci faces many challenges operating their rice business which has been restricted by law to Filipino nationals. Mr. Renucci's ownership of Chen Yi Agventures is limited to 40% and he cannot be involved in the day-to-day operations of the company. His herculean efforts to help our rice farmers and to run their technologically advanced facilities using his exceptional industrial expertise has been subject to scrutiny from unscrupulous groups, mostly traders, who have already threatened his deportation.

Mr. Renucci has also developed the Renucci Partnership program that provides low interest loans-in-kind to the rice farmers as extension services to increase their yield and their income. He has invested his life's savings in Leyte to make his dream of making a difference for the Filipino farmers and for the rice industry, possible. Since 2016, Mr. Renucci has not gone back to France or Italy and has indicated his true and sincere desire to stay for good in the Philippines and accomplish the dream he shares with his wife, which is to serve the country they had learned to love and embrace. With his distinguished services, Patrick Francois Renucci has proven his sincere desire to become a Filipino citizen. Granting him a Philippine citizenship will definitely serve to benefit our country.

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

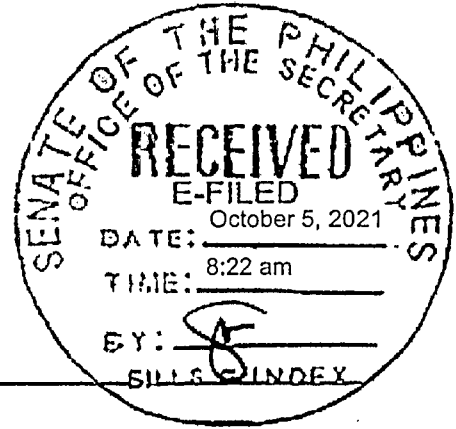


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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

1 **SECTION 1.** Patrick Francois Renucci is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with
2 all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as duties and obligations appurtenant
3 thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

4 **SEC. 2.** Mr. Renucci shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the
5 Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The Oath of
6 Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

7 **SEC. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration
8 shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. Renucci who shall thereupon enter into
9 the full enjoyment of Philippine Citizenship.

10 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official
11 Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,