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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Mr. Peter Leslie Wallace is inarguably one of the most prominent political and economic forecaster in the Philippines. His own company, The Wallace Business Forum, which was formed in 1982, not only gives advisory services to more than 160 multinational corporations and aid agencies in the country, but more importantly, also advises Philippine governments on foreign investments and other significant economic concerns. The presence of Mr. Wallace in the country, as well as the invaluable assistance that he brings, has made himself an important voice for business and economic progress in the country.

Mr. Wallace was born in Australia on June 3, 1939. He began work at the age of 18 as a cadet engineer with the then Amalgamated Wireless of Australia. A career in sales led him to Manila in 1970 where he worked as a marketing manager and chief executive before establishing AYC Consultants in 1982. He was chief executive of 3 multinational companies in Manila during the period 1975 to 1981. He was Commodore of the Manila Yacht Club, President of the Caliraya Lake Conservation Society, and is a member of almost every business chamber and association.¹

One very remarkable contribution of Mr. Wallace to the Philippine is his dedicated involvement in ATRIEV (Adaptive Technology for Rehabilitation, Integration and Empowerment of the Visually Impaired), which began in 2002, when he was invited to a graduation of blind students of ATRIEV. Inspired with the way blind students endeavor to better themselves and their situation by learning computer skills, Mr. Wallace, through his companies and connections, has been providing aid to ATRIEV by holding fundraisers, assembling the board of directors, generating publicity for the organization, and rendering general advice. As a matter of fact, Mr. Wallace personally conducts the marketing campaign on the skills of ATRIEV graduates in the ICT industry, specifically for corporate transcription services. The Wallace Business Forum and AYC Consultants have given deeper meaning to the celebration of their 25th anniversary when they generously donated to ATRIEV money that was intended for their cocktails celebration. Indeed, Mr. Wallace has made it his personal mission to finding a better life for the vision-impaired.²

Being a Philippine resident for more than 30 years, Mr. Wallace is just as much a Filipino, if not more, as any other Filipino in the country. Having spent more than half of his life in the Philippines, Mr. Wallace had significantly immersed himself to Philippine culture, tradition, and traits. As a matter of fact, his warmth and hospitality is already very innately Filipino. Truly, the heart and soul of Mr. Wallace reeks of everything that is profoundly Filipino.

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

MARROXAS Senator

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¹ http://www.atriev.org.ph

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AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO MR. PETER LESLIE WALLACE.

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

- Section 1. Peter Leslie Wallace is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the
- 2 rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.
- 3 After the taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the
- 4 Philippines, Peter Leslie Wallace shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine
- 5 citizenship.
- 6 SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately following its publication in the Official
- 7 Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of national circulation.
- 8 Approved,