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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 736

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on FEB 04 2021
Re: House Bill No. 8631

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7284, 7427 and 8144


Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which were referred House Bill No. 7284, introduced by Representatives Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BIENVENIDO MARAÑON MOREJÓN"

House Bill No. 7427, introduced by Representative Manuel Luis T. Lopez, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BIENVENIDO MARAÑON"

and House Bill No. 8144, introduced by Representative Greg G. Gastaya, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO SPANISH FOOTBALL STANDOUT BIENVENIDO MARANON MOREJON"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 8631 entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BIENVENIDO MOREJON MARAÑON"

Respectfully submitted,

VICENTE “CHING” S. E. VELOSO III
Chairperson
Committee on Justice

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8631  
(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7284, 7427 and 8144)  


AN ACT  
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BIENVENIDO MOREJON MARAÑÓN  

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

SEC. 1. Mr. Bienvenido Morejon Marañon is hereby granted Philippine citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the Republic of the Philippines.  

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

SEC. 3. Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. Marañon who shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.  

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

Approved,
House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 8631
(in substitution of House Bills Numbered 7284, 7427 and 8144)
(Approved by the Committee on February 4, 2021)

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO BIENVENIDO MOREJON MARAÑON”

Introduced by: Reps. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ, FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, MANUEL LUIS T. LOPEZ, and GREG G. GASATAYA

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE
Committee Chairperson: REP. VICENTE “CHING” S.E. VELOSO III

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Bienvenido Morejon Marañon, a national of Spain, in recognition of his being one of the leading football players in the country, considering that:

- he moved to the Philippines in 2015 and joined the then-Ceres Football Club and represented and played for the Ceres-Negros Team in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Champions League;

- he has shown exceptional skills complemented by commendable work ethics in his five (5) year football career in the Philippines;

- he is known as one of the most prolific scorers in Southeast Asia;

- he is the leading goal scorer of the Philippines Football League and the all-time top scorer in the AFC Cup after scoring his 35th goal in Ceres-Negros’ 4-0 win against Bali United on March 11, 2020;

- he is credited as the catalyst for the Philippines’ growing reputation as a football powerhouse in Southeast Asia; and

- he will undoubtedly be an invaluable asset to the national football team – the Azkals – and bring pride and honor to our country, if granted the opportunity to play for the Philippines.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Mr. Bienvenido Morejon Marañon with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, appurtenant thereto; and

- Provides that upon the taking the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized for this purpose, and registration of the same with the
Bureau of Immigration, and the issuance to him of the Certificate of Naturalization, Mr. Marañon shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

RELATED LAWS:

- Article IV, Section 1 par. 4, 1987 Constitution