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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 737

Submitted by the Committee on Justice on FEB 0 4 2021
Re: House Bill No. 8632

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 5951

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III and Roberto V. Puno

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 5951, introduced by Representative Roberto V. Puno, entitled:

"AN ACT  
GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO ANGELO KOUAME"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 8632 entitled:

"AN ACT  
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KAKOU ANGE FRANCK WILLIAMS KOUAME"


Respectfully submitted,

VICENTE "CHING" S. E. VELOSO III  
Chairperson  
Committee on Justice

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER  
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HOUSE BILL NO. 8632
(in substitution of House Bill No. 5951)


AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KAKOU ANGE FRANCK WILLIAMS KOUAME

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

SECTION 1. Mr. Kakou Ange Franck Williams Kouame 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. Kouame 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. Kouame 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. **8632**
(in substitution of HB No. 5951)
(Approved by the Committee on February 4, 2021)

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KAKOU ANGE FRANCK WILLIAMS KOUAME”

Introduced by: **Rep. ROBERTO “ROBBIE” V. PUNO**

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

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Kakou Ange Franck Williams Kouame, a national of Ivory Coast, in order to allow him to play for the national team for basketball as a naturalized athlete, considering that:

- since coming to the country in 2016 as a student, he has made the Philippines his home, has represented his school in collegiate basketball, and has been a role model to the youth as an excellent athlete and sportsman;

- his passion for the sport contributed highly to the recent 16-0 sweep of the Ateneo Blue Eagles in the 82nd season of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) men's basketball games (2019-2020);

- he has been instrumental in his team’s campaign in two (2) of three (3) back-to-back-to-back UAAP championship title runs;

- he will be a great addition to Philippine basketball and the Philippine sporting community at large;

- the story of how he has overcome dire personal circumstances at an early age, and how he persevered in honing his athletic skills exemplify the great Filipino values of perseverance, determination, resilience and self-reliance.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Mr. Kakou Ange Franck Williams Kouame with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and obligations, appurtenant thereto.

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

RELATED LAWS:

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