Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 10115, introduced by Representative Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO MR. ZIBIN "DEREK" LIANG, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND PREROGATIVES APPURTENANT THERETO"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 10281 entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ZIBIN LIANG"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 10115, with Representatives Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Sergio C. Dagooc, Christopher V.P. De Venencia, and Anthony Peter "Onyx" Crisologo, as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 10281
(in substitution of House Bill Number 10115)

Introduced by Representatives Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Sergio C. Dagooc, Christopher V.P. De Venecia, and Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ZIBIN LIANG

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

SEC. 1. Mr. Zibin Liang 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. Zibin Liang 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. Zibin Liang 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,
AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO ZIBIN LIANG

Introduced by: Reps. Xavier Jesus D. Romualdo, Vicente “Ching” S. E. Veloso III, Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Sergio C. Dagooc, Christopher V.P. De Venecia, and Anthony Peter “Onyx” D. Crisologo

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

OBJECTIVE:

To grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Zibin “Derek” Liang, a Chinese/Hongkong national, in recognition of his notable contributions to the Philippines, considering that:

- he studied finance in Indiana University-Kelly School of Business in Bloomington, Indiana, USA and has a Masters degree in Business and Finance from the Washington University-School of Business in Washington DC, USA;
- he is the lone director of Tianyi Capital Limited;
- he has brought vast investments to the Philippines through his company Tianyi Capital Limited with 40% ownership in a Philippine company, Golden TW Realty and Development Corporation;
- his company owns various properties in Tagaytay and Boracay and several business ventures in the country;
- as a substantial owner of the company, he has played a major role in making the company successful, and he looks forward to bringing more investments and other businesses in the Philippines;
- he is involved in various philanthropic activities, including providing financial assistance to the victims of typhoon Yolanda;
- he participated in the Bakwit Village Phase 2 project in Saguiran, Lanao del Sur, for the benefit of the residents of Marawi City who were displaced due to armed conflict;
- he continues to pay for the utilities of the Bakwit Village Phase 2, a community-based project which was completed in 2019 that has provided one hundred (130) housing units, twenty (20) livelihood stalls and two (2) educational buildings;
- he is pro-active in rendering assistance to the local government of Parañaque City where he currently resides, and donated to nearby cities such as Makati and Muntinlupa in their fight against Covid-19;
• he is a supporter and donor in *Batang Munti Foundation, Inc.*, a non-governmental organization that helps less fortunate youth in Muntinlupa City, and also participates in its programs and services on education, health, livelihood and sports;

• he has been generous in promoting the welfare of the Filipinos especially during catastrophic events and would want to continue with his charitable activities in the country;

• he embodies the Filipino values of perseverance, determination, dedication to work and service to the country, and has a sincere desire to live in the Philippines as a Filipino citizen.

**KEY PROVISIONS:**

* Grants Philippine citizenship Mr. Zibin Liang, 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. Liang shall enter upon the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

**RELATED LAW:**

* Article IV, Section 1(4), 1987 Constitution