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House Bill No. 2877



Introduced by
HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
and

HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ

**AN ACT GRANTING FILIPINO CITIZENSHIP TO
MR. PATRICK FRANÇOIS RENUCCI, WITH ALL THE RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND
PREROGATIVES APPURTENANT THERETO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to **PATRICK FRANÇOIS RENUCCI**, a French & 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 Alang Alang, Leyte.

Renucci left his hometown in France & Italy to go to Leyte in 2015, just after Typhoon Yolanda had struck, in order to dedicate his life to uplifting the 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 Alang Alang, Leyte, the most technologically advanced in Southeast Asia and the largest in the Visayas and Mindanao regions.

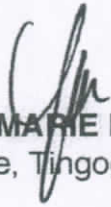
The innovative technology of the CYA-RPC in drying, storage, milling and packaging ensures that *Renucci Rice is pest and contamination free*. Weevils and other pests are eliminated during the drying process at 59°C, during the milling process that deploys continuous cleaning of the grains and in the packaging that uses technology and not chemicals to eliminate all contaminants. Renucci Rice is the only rice produced in industrial quantities in the Philippine 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. Patrick'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 factions (mostly traders) who have already threatened his deportation.

As part of his journey in developing the Renucci Partnership program that provides low interest loans-in-kind to the rice farmers as well as extension services to increase their yield and their income, Renucci contracted the deadly Schistosomiasis disease *three times*. Larvae penetrated the sole of his feet and spawned 3,000 eggs per day. He was subject to chemotherapy treatment in the hospital of Palo until he got well. Renucci has also 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, Renucci has not gone back to France or Italy and has not seen his family and friends. He even missed the wedding of his only brother this 2019. Willing to make deep personal sacrifices, Renucci has devoted his entire life to accomplishing what he came to this country to do and refuses to go back to his native countries before the local Filipino natives are successful.

Renucci 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 François Renucci has proven his sincere desire to be one of us. 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:*

SECTION 1: Patrick François Renucci is hereby granted Philippine citizenship
with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives appurtenant thereto.

After taking and registration of the oath of allegiance to the Republic of the
Philippines, Patrick François Renucci shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine
citizenship.

SECTION 2: This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
Official Gazette or in two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,