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Introduced by Sen. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri

**AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO KYLE DOUGLAS JENNERMANN**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to Mr. Kyle Douglas Jennermann, in recognition of his contributions to the promotion of the Philippines and its culture.

Mr. Jennermann, known to many as Kulas, is a 34-year-old Canadian citizen who has dedicated his YouTube channel "BecomingFilipino" to featuring the Philippines' natural beauty and promoting the country's culture and identity to the world. With more than one million followers, Kulas has travelled by scooter to a total of eighty provinces in the country, all the while documenting his experiences and interactions and sharing them through his vlogs. He has showcased the country's beautiful beaches, mountains, waterfalls and rivers, and has come to love Filipino culture, immersing himself to the Filipino way of life and even learning the Filipino language. He has been living in the Philippines since 2013 and has written and created thousands of posts actively promoting the country through social media.

Aside from his continuing efforts to promote our country through his channel, Kulas has also helped Filipinos in times of great need, bringing much needed attention to areas that had been badly affected by typhoons and actively involving himself in relief operations in calamity-stricken areas. Such was the case when Typhoon Yolanda hit in 2013, and Mr. Jennermann found himself in the Philippines, contributing to the relief efforts in whatever way he can. He quit his job in Hong Kong, where he was working at an outdoor adventure company, and then flew to Cagayan de Oro where he ended up packing relief goods at a Red Cross station in the city. Together with other friends from the Filipino outdoor community, he also helped in putting up OneTacloban, which was able to raise donations that were used in providing relief to the people of Tacloban. During his stay in the city, he also started documenting the damage in the area, and afterwards would camp out near the tents set up by the United Nations, which was the only place with Internet signal at the time, and upload his videos on YouTube so that his family and friends would know the real situation on the ground and how badly help was needed. To this day, Mr. Jennermann continues to use his platforms in bringing the attention of the world to areas in need of help, recently visiting the town of Upi in Maguindanao, another area that was badly affected by Typhoon Paeng.

Mr. Kyle Douglas Jennermann was born and raised in Vancouver Island, Canada, but in the nine years that he has spent in the Philippines, he has truly become a Filipino. He loves our people, he respects our culture, he promotes our country's natural beauty, and he is proud to call the Philippines his home.

In view of the abovementioned points, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines
in Congress assembled:*

1 **Section 1.** Mr. Kyle Douglas Jennermann is hereby granted Philippine
2 citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, as well as the duties and
3 obligations appurtenant thereto under the Constitution and the laws of the
4 Republic of the Philippines.

5 **Sec. 2.** Upon taking his Oath of Allegiance before an officer duly authorized
6 for this purpose, and the registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration,
7 Mr. Kyle Douglas Jennermann shall enter upon the full enjoyment of his Philippine
8 citizenship.

9 **Sec. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
10 Immigration shall issue Mr. Kyle Douglas Jennermann his Certificate of
11 Naturalization.

12 **Sec. 4.** This Act shall take effect immediately upon publication in at least
13 two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,