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AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO XIAYI "CHARLOTTE" ZHANG

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to grant Philippine citizenship to an individual whose love, will and dedication to the Philippines have been an instrument in promoting investments in the country, development of local communities, and conduct of humanitarian assistance during natural calamities.

In 2005, Ms. Xiayi "Charlotte" Zhang ("Ms. Zhang") moved to the Philippines to study high school in the Philippine Women's University. She finished her Bachelor's Degree in International Studies in De La Salle University and post-graduate degree in IE Business School in Spain. After a few years of post-graduate study and professional trainings in Madrid, New York, Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong, she moved back to the Philippines in 2017.

Ms. Zhang family's have been investing in mining businesses in the Philippines since 2005 through Nickelace Inc., Chromiteking Inc., and Peng Cheng Metallic Resources Corporation, companies which have invested over millions of US dollars in the projects of Eastern Samar, and have been vital in the development of its local communities.

Ms. Zhang is also running a real estate advisory firm, Imprimis Philippines Inc.,

a company engaged in the business of helping foreign investors and foreign companies to capitalize and settle their business in the Philippines including J&T Express, and assisted foreign companies, such as Dito Telecommunity, Fiberhome, Flash Express and Makuku, among others, in setting up their headquarters and warehouses.

It is worthy to note however, that more than her advocacy of promoting investments in the Philippines, Ms. Zhang has been a partner in humanitarian and disaster relief operations of the government. During the onslaught of typhoon Yolanda, Ms. Zhang has provided financial assistance and manpower to rebuild the island of Homonhon in Eastern Samar which resulted to hundreds of job employment, taxes remitted to the government and several other corporate social responsibilities. Moreover, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she initiated and organized cross-border medical goods donation to the Bureau of Quarantine.


With more than ten (10) years of residency in the Philippines, Ms. Zhang has definitely demonstrated her willingness and ability to serve and ensure a better future for the Philippines.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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

1 **SECTION 1.** Ms. Xiayi "Charlotte" Zhang 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 Republic
4 of the Philippines.

5 **SEC. 2.** Ms. Xiayi "Charlotte" Zhang shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the
6 Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same.
7 The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

8 **SEC. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of Immigration
9 shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Ms. Xiayi "Charlotte" Zhang who shall
10 thereupon enter into full enjoyment of the Philippine citizenship.

11 **SEC. 4.** *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
12 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general
13 circulation.

Approved,