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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 515

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Submitted by the Committee on Justice on _____

Re: House Bill No. 7723

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 3075

Sponsors: Representatives Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Rossana "Ria" V. Vergara,
and Rufus B. Rodriguez

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice, to which was referred House Bill No. 3075, introduced
by Representative Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JOSEPH SIGELMAN"

has considered the same and recommends that the attached House Bill No. 7723
entitled:

"AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JOSEPH SIGELMAN"

be approved in substitution of House Bill No. 3075, with Representatives Rosanna "Ria"
V. Vergara, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III,
Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun, Henry S.
Qaminal, Pablo John F. Garcia, and Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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HOUSE BILL NO. 7723
(in substitution of House Bill No. 3075)

Introduced by Representatives Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Vicente "Ching" S. E. Veloso III, Jonathan Keith T. Flores, Ruwel Peter S. Gonzaga, Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun, Henry S. Oaminal, Pablo John F. Garcia, and Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte

AN ACT
GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JOSEPH SIGELMAN

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Mr. Joseph Sigelman is hereby granted Philippine citizenship
2 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.

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6 **SEC. 2.** Mr. Sigelman shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the Republic of
7 the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the same. The
8 Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.

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10 **SEC. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
11 Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. Sigelman who
12 shall thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.

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14 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in
15 the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

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17 Approved,
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House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department

FACT SHEET

House Bill No. 7723

(in substitution of HB No. 3075)

(Approved by the Committee on September 9, 2020)

“AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO JOSEPH SIGELMAN”

Introduced by: Rep. ROSANNA “RIA” VERGARA

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE

Committee Chairperson: REP. VICENTE “CHING” S.E. VELOSO III

OBJECTIVE:

To recognize the notable service to the Philippines and to the Filipino people of Mr. Joseph Sigelman who:

- came to the Philippines in 2004 and established a home in Manila;
- with a group of other shareholders, led the acquisition of Atlanta Gulf & Pacific Company of Manila, Inc. (AG&P) in 2010, and under his leadership, developed AG&P into a global powerhouse not only in construction and infrastructure modularization, but also in the design, development and marketing of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) supply chain;
- led the AG&P into becoming not only a respected company in the Philippines, but a Philippine company respected across the world and one that invests heavily in developing its Filipino workforce through training and education, upskilling the local workforce to global-leading safety and quality standards across disciplines;
- has initiated the “ADOPT-A-COMMUNITY-SERIES” program that provides an avenue for social improvement and development;
- wishes to continue to invest significantly both in AG&P and in other domestic ventures to promote Filipino exports.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Grants Philippine citizenship to Mr. Joseph Sigelman 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 to administer the same, registration of the same with the Bureau of Immigration, and the issuance of the Certificate of Naturalization, Mr. Joseph Sigelman shall enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.