

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS
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House Bill No. **5151**



Introduced by **Representative Ferdinand L. Hernandez**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Roderick McMicking Hall was born on 07 November 1932, at the Hospital Español de Santiago in Makati, then a part of Rizal province. His family has had deep connections with the Philippines. His mother, a Filipina, was born in Manila on 20 November 1909. Both his grandparents were also born in the Philippines. Hall's grandfather, Jose McMicking, was born in Iloilo on 07 November 1877. His grandmother, Angelina Anisia Rico Ynchausti, was born in Manila in 1888. His uncle, Alfred McMicking, was an officer in the 41st Division of the Philippine Army, was captured as prisoner, and later was one of those subected to the Death March.

Mr. hall holds strong memories and deep affection for the land where his family lived, and where they now rest in an unknown tomb. During the Japanese occupation, Hall lived with his grandparents at 740 Dakota Street (today Adriatico St.) in Manila. On 20 January 1945, Japanese troops entered their home, and after a through search, took everyone to their headquarters at the Masonic Temple in Taft Avenue. At the end of the day, a list was called out, and the servants, he and his brother were released. The rest of his family, his mother, grandmother, uncle Alfred, and aunt Helen, and others, were kept as prisoners. His family was never seen again. No bodies were ever found.

His experiences during the war have driven him to build a memorial to their memory, and to all who perished in the Battle for Manila. Mr. Hall was one of the three founders of Memorare-Manila 1945 Foundation, a private, non-profit organization founded by the civilian survivors of the Battle of Manila and their descendants. The foundation built the Memorare – Manila 1945 Monument in Intramuros, Manila, which is meant to commemorate the lives lost during the battle for the liberation of Manila, waged by Filipino and American forces against Imperial Japanese troops from 03 February 1945 to 03 March 1945.

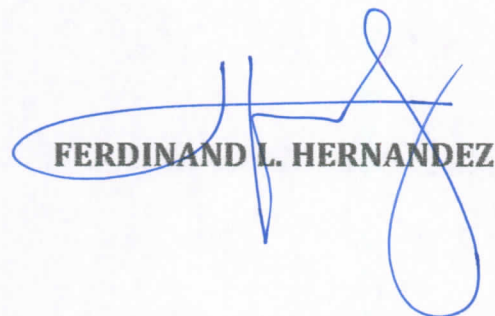
Mr. Hall has been working hard over the past twenty five years to collect as much data, personal histories, and official reports on what happened in the

Philippines during World War II. He has given his collection to the Filipinas Heritage Library in Makati City. It includes more than three hundred memoirs written by Japanese soldiers about their experiences in the Philippines, and is considered the most important collection on the war in the Philippines. In San Francisco, California, Hall and his sister were early supporters of the Bataan Legacy Historical Society, which has put in efforts to include in all California textbooks the history of Bataan and Corregidor and the bravery of the Filipino troops.

Mr. Hall is also engaged in studying oral histories of native tribes, including that of the Manobo of Mindanao, the tribes of Panay and the Kalinga of Northern Luzon.

Hall's efforts over these past years evince his strong desire to be a Filipino citizen. He has demonstrated that he is committed to the country and will remain to be so.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate approval of this bill is hereby sought.



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**AN ACT GRANTING PHILIPPINE CITIZENSHIP TO RODERICK
MCMICKING HALL**

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

1 **SECTION 1.** Mr. Roderick McMicking Hall is hereby granted Philippine
2 citizenship with all the rights, privileges and prerogatives, and is likewise vested
3 with the duties and obligations appurtenant thereto.
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5 **SEC. 2.** Mr. Roderick McMicking Hall shall take the Oath of Allegiance to the
6 Republic of the Philippines before an officer duly authorized to administer the
7 same. The Oath of Allegiance shall be registered with the Bureau of Immigration.
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9 **SEC. 3.** Upon registration of the Oath of Allegiance, the Bureau of
10 Immigration shall issue a Certificate of Naturalization to Mr. Hall who shall
11 thereupon enter into the full enjoyment of Philippine citizenship.
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13 **SEC. 4.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
14 Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,