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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 21, 2013

Mr. Al. Green of Texas (for himself, Mr. Honda, and Mr. Scott of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Filipino Temporary Protected Status Act of 2013”.

SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that the extraordinary and temporary conditions caused by flooding and other
catastrophic damage wrought by Typhoon Haiyan in the
Philippines qualifies the Philippines for designation under
subparagraph (B) or (C) of section 244(b)(1) of the Immi-
grantation and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1254a(b)(1)), pur-
suant to which nationals of the Philippines would be eligi-
ble for temporary protected status in the United States.

SEC. 3. DESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF GRANTING TEM-
PORARY PROTECTED STATUS.

(a) Designation.—

(1) In general.—For purposes of section 244
of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
1254a), the Philippines shall be treated as if it had
been designated under subsection (b) of such sec-
tion, subject to the provisions of this section.

(2) Period of designation.—The initial pe-
diod of such designation shall begin on the date of
the enactment of this Act and shall remain in effect
for 18 months.

(b) Aliens Eligible.—In applying section 244 of
such Act pursuant to the designation made under this sec-
tion, subject to section 244(c)(3) of such Act, an alien who
is a national of the Philippines deemed to satisfy the re-
quirements of section 244(e)(1) of such Act only if the
alien—
(1) has been continuously physically present in the United States since November 8, 2013;

(2) is admissible as an immigrant, except as otherwise provided under section 244(e)(2)(A) of such Act, and is not ineligible for temporary protected status under section 244(e)(2)(B) of such Act; and

(3) registers for temporary protected status in a manner that the Secretary of Homeland Security shall establish.

(c) CONSENT TO TRAVEL ABROAD.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall give the prior consent to travel abroad described in section 244(f)(3) of such Act to an alien who is granted temporary protected status pursuant to the designation made under this section, if the alien establishes to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland Security that emergency and extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the alien require the alien to depart for a brief, temporary trip abroad. An alien returning to the United States in accordance with such an authorization shall be treated the same as any other returning alien provided temporary protected status under section 244 of such Act.