

Republic of the Philippines,  
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RESOLUTION NO. 65

RESOLUTION COMMENDING FRANCISCO SIONIL JOSE  
FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO  
LITERATURE AND JOURNALISM

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that "arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State" and that the State shall "conserve, promote and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources";

WHEREAS, National Artist for Literature Francisco Sionil Jose, also known as F. Sionil Jose, was born in Rosales, Pangasinan, on December 3, 1924;

WHEREAS, his interest in literature started at a young age, and with the support of his peers and mentors, he was able to further pursue and develop his talents and skills in the field;

WHEREAS, he first took up a pre-medical course but later shifted back to liberal arts, to devote his life to his true passion which is literature, for which he has received local and international recognition, among which were the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Pablo Neruda Centennial Award, Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres, and the Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Literature;

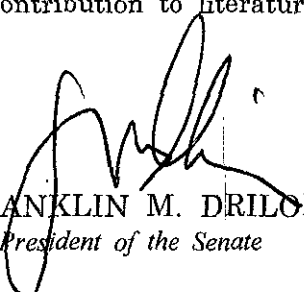
WHEREAS, having been considered as one of the prominent writers in the English language, his works have been translated to twenty-eight (28) languages, including Czech, Indonesian, French, Korean, Russian, Latvian and Dutch;

WHEREAS, he has been an inspiration to several generations of writers and journalists through his essays, his role as a publisher, his lectures, his iconic bookshop *Solidaridad* and his founding of the Philippine chapter of the PEN, an international organization of poets, writers and novelists;

WHEREAS, cognizant of his artistic and literary genius and for his perseverance to instill national pride through the arts, it is but fitting that F. Sionil Jose, be recognized and honored: Now, therefore, be it


*Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, To commend Francisco Sionil Jose for his notable contribution to literature and journalism.*

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 9, 2014.



OSCAR G. YABES  
*Secretary of the Senate*