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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING FILIPINO INDEPENDENT FILM DIRECTOR MR. BRILLANTE "DANTE" MENDOZA FOR WINNING THE BEST DIRECTOR AWARD FOR HIS FILM, "KINATAY" AT THE 62ND CANNES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL, BEATING FORMIDABLE FILMMAKING GIANTS QUENTIN TARANTINO, ANG LEE, JANE CAMPION, PEDRO ALMODOVAR AND KEN LOACH

Whereas, Dante Mendoza worked as a production designer for such films as *Valentina* (1989), *Olongapo... The Great American Dream* (1987), and *Private Show* (1986) before becoming an indie director;

Whereas, Dante took the screen name Brillante Mendoza when he directed his first feature length film, *Masahista*, which won the Golden Leopard Award in the Video Section of the 58th Locarno International Film Festival in Switzerland in 2005;

Whereas, his two films, *Foster Child* and *Tirador*, were part of the films showcased in Cannes in 2007;

Whereas, his film *Serbis* competed in the 2008 Cannes, and *Kinatay* was his second consecutive attempt for the prestigious Palm d'Or at this year's Cannes;

Whereas, Mendoza received the Gawad Tanglaw Presidential Jury Award for Film Excellence in 2009 for his notable films *Masahista*, *Manoro*, *Kaleldo*, *Tirador*, *Foster Child*, and *Serbis*;

Whereas, the triumph of Mendoza at the recently concluded film festival is a historic first win by a Filipino director for a full-length film: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend Mr. Brillante "Dante" Mendoza for winning the Best Director Award for his film, "Kinatay" at the 62nd Cannes International Film Festival, beating formidable filmmaking giants Quentin Tarantino, Ang Lee, Jane Campion, Pedro Almodovar and Ken Loach.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator