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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING BRILLANTE "DANTE" MENDOZA**  
**FOR WINNING THE BEST DIRECTOR PRIZE FOR "KINATAY" AT THE 62<sup>ND</sup>**  
**CANNES FILM FESTIVAL IN SOUTHERN FRANCE, LAST 24 MAY 2009**

*Whereas*, Filipino filmmaker Brillante "Dante" Mendoza was proclaimed Best Director in this year's Cannes Film Festival, one of the most prestigious film festivals in the world for his work "Kinatay";

*Whereas*, Mendoza bested past Oscar and Cannes winners, like Taiwan's Ang Lee, Spain's Pedro Almodovar, New Zealand's Jane Campion, Denmark's Lars von Trier, and the United States' Quentin Tarantino;

*Whereas*, for winning the Best Director prize, he joined the list of revered filmmakers who have won the coveted prize, including Martin Scorsese, Ingmar Bergman, Francois Truffaut, Luis Buñuel, Robert Bresson, Costa Gavras, Bernard Tavernier, Werner Herzog, Robert Altman, Joel Coen and Gus Van Sant;

*Whereas*, it is the first time for the country to win the Canne's Main Competition;

*Whereas*, Mendoza won international awards for his independent films, to wit: Golden Leopard Award in Locarno International Film Festival for Masahista in 2005, Special Jury Award in Marrakech International Film Festival for Tirador in 2007, Netpac Award in Jeonju Film Festival for Kaleldo in 2006; Silver Screen Award/Best Asian Director and FIPRESCI/NETPAC Award in Singapore International Film Festival also for Tirador, Signis Award in Las Palmas Film Festival for Foster Child, Best Film in Durban International Film Festival and Netpac Award in Brisbane International Film Festival for Foster Child, Caligiri Film Award in Berlin International Film Festival and Golden Kinnaree Award in Bangkok International Film Festival for Tirador;

*Whereas*, Mendoza's Cannes triumph open the doors for Filipino films internationally;

*Whereas*, by winning this international award he brings honor and glory to our country.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to commend and congratulate Brillante "Dante" Mendoza for winning the Best Director Prize for "Kinatay" at the end of 62<sup>nd</sup> Cannes Festival in Southern France, last 24 May 2009.

Adopted,

  
RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR