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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING BRILLANTE MEDOZA FOR WINNING THE BEST
DIRECTOR AWARD AT THE 62ND CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Whereas, Mr. Brillante Mendoza, an independent filmmaker from San Fernando, Pampanga, won the Best Director award for his film, "*Kinatay*," at the 62nd Cannes Film Festival last May 24, 2009;

Whereas, the Cannes Film Festival is considered as the world's most prestigious film festival;

Whereas, Mr. Mendoza is the first Filipino to win the Best Director Prize in the said film festival;

Whereas, by winning the Best Director prize, Mr. Mendoza bested established and critically-acclaimed directors as Ang Lee, Pedro Almodovar, Jane Campion, and Quentin Tarantino;

Whereas, by winning the said prize, Mr. Mendoza joins revered filmmakers who have won the coveted prize such as Martin Scorsese, Ingmar Bergman, Francois Truffaut, Luis Buñuel, Robert Bresson, Costa Gavras, Bernard Tavernier, Werner Herzog, Robert Altman, Joel Coen, Pedro Almodovar and Gus Van Sant.

Whereas, "*Serbis*", a film that Mr. Mendoza also directed, competed for the top prize of Palme d'Or in the festival last year, the first time for a Filipino-made film since 1984;

Whereas, the films *Serbis* and *Kinatay* portrayed present-day realities in Philippine society and drew the attention of international audiences to these social realities thereby educating both Filipinos and foreigners on the plight of some of the poor and the marginalized in the Philippines;

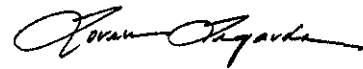
Whereas, the said films by Mr. Mendoza have contributed to the enrichment of Philippine arts and culture;

Whereas, Mr. Mendoza offered his prize to all the Filipino filmmakers who had come before and would come after him;

Now, therefore, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved that the Senate congratulate Mr. Brillante Mendoza, for winning the Best Director Award at the 62nd Cannes Film Festival.

Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be given to Mr. Brillante Mendoza.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loren Legarda", with a stylized flourish at the end.

LOREN LEGARDA
Senator