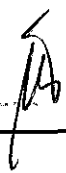


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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO STUDENTS MELISSA ANGELA PEÑAFIEL AND MIGUEL OCAMPO FOR BEING AMONG THE SIX GLOBAL WINNERS, REPRESENTING THE ASIAN REGION, IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT-SPONSORED DEMOCRACY VIDEO CHALLENGE WITH THEIR SHORT FILM ENTITLED "LONG LIVE THE FEARLESS MAN" ANNOUNCED LAST 16 JUNE 2009 FROM WASHINGTON D.C., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their outstanding achievements in bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in international competitions;

WHEREAS, University of the Philippines students Melissa Angela Peñafiel and Miguel Ocampo were declared by the U.S. State Department-sponsored Democracy Video Challenge and its partners as among the six winners in a global dialogue on democracy participated by 900 people from 95 countries;

WHEREAS, the Democracy Video Challenge is a worldwide online competition that aims to capture the meaning of democracy in today's world by incorporating thought-provoking creativity with thoughtful dialogue;

WHEREAS, the three-minute video "Long Live the Fearless Man" is narrated in Filipino featuring black-and-white scenes and close-up shots of a man's body with words like "Demokrasya" and "Dalamhati" written in indelible ink on his skin;

WHEREAS, an independent jury co-chaired by Hernando de Soto (president of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy) and Michael Apted (president of the Directors Guild of America) selected the 18 finalists, and the online voting public chose the six winners, one from each region of the world, the other five being: Chansa Tembo from Zambia, Lukasz Szozda from Poland, Tsering Choden from Nepal, Rodin Hamidi from the United Arab Emirates, and Anna Israel from Brazil;

WHEREAS, "Long Live the Fearless Man" shows the real power of Filipinos increasingly in the film and creative arts industry according to US Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie Kenny;

WHEREAS, by winning this worldwide online competition, University of the Philippines students Melissa Angela Peñafiel and Miguel Ocampo has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this outstanding performance by our Filipino students deserve to be commended for the honor and recognition they have brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend students Melissa Angela Peñafiel and Miguel Ocampo for being among the six global winners, representing the Asian region, in the U.S. State Department-sponsored Democracy Video Challenge with their short film entitled “Long Live The Fearless Man” announced last 16 June 2009 from Washington D.C., United States of America.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID -
Senator