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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

## RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FILMMAKER AURAEUS SOLITO FOR WINNING THE FIPRESCI (INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FILM CRITICS) INTERNATIONAL CRITICS PRIZE AT THE 7<sup>TH</sup> EURASIA INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN HELD ON 19-24 SEPTEMBER 2011 FOR THE MOVIE *BUSONG* (PALAWAN FATE).

**WHEREAS,** the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in the international scene;

**WHEREAS,** Filipino filmmaker Auraeus Solito made the country proud when he won the FIPRESCI (International Federation of Film Critics) International Critics Prize at the 7<sup>th</sup> Eurasia International Film Festival in Almaty, Kazakhstan held on 19-24 September 2011 for the movie *Busong* (Palawan Fate);

WHEREAS, the Eurasia International Film Festival in 1998 was significant in bringing together post-Soviet filmmakers, which gave them the chance to see each other's works, now, the film festival, in close cooperation with the prestigious jury of film critics International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI) and the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (NETPAC), has established itself as a major film festival and the only one which represents the Eurasian cinematography with emphasis on Central Asia;

WHEREAS, the FIPRESCI (International Federation of Film Critics) awarded the International Critics Prize to *Busong* (Palawan Fate) for its fairy tale-like plot and poetic language;

WHEREAS, Busong is a Palawanon term for fate or karma and the film revolves around a brother's pursuit of a healer to his grotesquely diseased sister and the different people they meet as they scour the changing landscape of Palawan;

WHEREAS, filmmaker Auraeus Solito, through the movie *Busong* (Palawan Fate) has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this achievement by our Filipino filmmaker deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country.

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Filipino filmmaker Auraeus Solito for winning the FIPRESCI (International Federation of Film Critics) International Critics Prize at the 7<sup>th</sup> Eurasia International Film Festival in Almaty, Kazakhstan held on 19-24 September 2011 for the movie *Busong* (Palawan Fate).

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