
Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada *JVE*

RESOLUTION

URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III, THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES (CCP) AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (NCCA) TO BESTOW UPON RODOLFO VERA QUIZON, SR., OGH, POPULARLY KNOWN AS "DOLPHY," THE ORDER OF THE NATIONAL ARTIST IN HONOR OF HIS UNPARALLELED DEDICATION AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO PHILIPPINE FILM ARTS

Whereas, the Order of National Artists (*Orden ng Gawad Pambansang Alagad ng Sining*) is the supreme honor and recognition given to notable Filipino artists for having made substantial contributions to the development of Philippine Arts in the categories of Music, Dance, Theatre, Visual Arts, Literature, Film and Broadcast Arts, Architecture and Historical Literature;

Whereas, the National Artist Award is a recognition bestowed upon deserving Filipino artists who have helped build a Filipino sense of nationhood through the content and form of their works; have distinguished themselves by pioneering in a mode of creative expression or style, making an impact on succeeding generations of artists; and have created a significant body of works and/or have consistently displayed excellence in the practice of their art form, enriching expression or style, among others;

Whereas, by virtue of Proclamation No. 1001 dated April 2, 1972 signed by Former President Ferdinand E. Marcos, this prestigious National Artist Award is conferred by the President upon the recommendation of the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National Commission for Culture and Arts;

Whereas, Rodolfo Vera Quizon, Sr., the "King of Comedy" was an icon of the Philippine movie industry who have dedicated more than sixty (60) years of his life as a multi-awarded actor, having portrayed the most varied and challenging roles in all his more than two hundred (200) movies, television and radio shows, and as a respected film producer. He has contributed much in saving the ailing motion picture industry through the more than sixty (60) movies that he produced;

Whereas, Dolphy, as we all know him, was conferred the Grand Collar of the Order of the Golden Heart, the highest recognition given to a private citizen by the President of the Philippines, in 2010. Dolphy was one of the most enduring and esteemed pillar in the local movie industry whose unparalleled dedication to his work and exemplary achievements, as an actor, producer, and philanthropist, has brought joy, laughter, hope and inspiration to the Filipino people amidst various political, economic and socio-cultural eras.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge his Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) to bestow upon Rodolfo Vera Quizon, Sr., OGH, popularly known as "Dolphy," the Order of the National Artist in honor of his unparalleled dedication and valuable contribution to Philippine film arts.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA
Senator