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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING BRILLANTE MENDOZA FOR BEING RECOGNIZED AS KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF ARTS AND LETTERS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC IN LIGHT OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN THE ARTS

WHEREAS, Article XIV Section 14 of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;

WHEREAS, the Order of Arts and Letters (*Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*), created on 2 May 1957 by the Ministry of Culture of the French Republic, aims to recognize eminent artists and writers and any other individual who has made a significant contribution in promoting the arts in France and all over the world;

WHEREAS, in June 2013, Brillante Mendoza was formally informed of his designation as Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (*Chevalier De L'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres*) through a certificate issued by the French Ministry of Culture;

WHEREAS, one of only 200 individuals who have received the title of Chevalier, Brillante Mendoza has received numerous accolades for his portrayal of Filipino social reality, capped by his winning the Best Director Award (*Prix de la mise en scène*) in the 2009 Cannes Film Festival for his film *Kinatay*;

WHEREAS, this recognition affirms the world class creativity and innovation possessed by Filipino filmmakers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend Brillante Mendoza for being recognized as Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters of the French Republic in light of his invaluable contribution to the arts;

Adopted,

LOREN LEGARDA
Senator