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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING GMA NETWORK, INC. FOR ITS RECOGNITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL AWARDEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA'S 73RD ANNUAL GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY AWARDS FOR ITS COVERAGE OF THE ASSAULT AND AFTERMATH OF SUPERTYPHOON YOLANDA (HAIYAN)

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, the George Foster Peabody Awards, more popularly known as the Peabody Awards, is an annual recognition event administered by the University of Georgia's Henry W. Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, and is the world's most prestigious award in broadcast journalism;

WHEREAS, this year's Peabody received 1,100 entries from which it recognized 46 awardees as being the best in electronic media for the year 2013;

WHEREAS, GMA Network, Inc. leads this year's Peabody International awardees for their coverage of the most powerful typhoon in recent history, super typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), as they *"provided desperately needed spot news coverage and information, gaining strength and perspective as they worked, and followed up with solid reporting on the aftermath, heroic acts and relief efforts"*;

WHEREAS, this recognition merits a commendation as it not only reflects the caliber of work and dedication of Filipino media but it also showcases the resiliency of the Filipino's indomitable spirit amidst challenges;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulates and commends GMA Network Inc. for its recognition as an international awardee of the University of Georgia's 73rd Annual George Foster Peabody Awards for its coverage of the assault and aftermath of super typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan), and the men and women behind the critically acclaimed and awarded coverage, to wit:

1. **Marissa Flores** – Senior Vice President, News and Public Affairs
2. **Jessica Soho** – Executive Vice President, News and Public Affairs, and Anchor, *State of the Nation with Jessica Soho (SONA)*
3. **Michelle Seva** – Assistant Vice President, News and Public Affairs
4. **Mike Enriquez** - Anchor, *24 Oras*
5. **Mel Tiangco** – Anchor, *24 Oras*
6. **Arnold Clavio** – Anchor, *Saksi*
7. **Vicky Morales** – Anchor, *Saksi*
8. **Jiggy Manicad** – Anchor, *24 Oras Weekend*, and *News TV Quick Response Team (QRT)*
9. **Christina Pascual** – Program Manager, *State of the Nation with Jessica Soho (SONA)*
10. **Tonio Magsambol** - Program Manager, *24 Oras Weekend*

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator