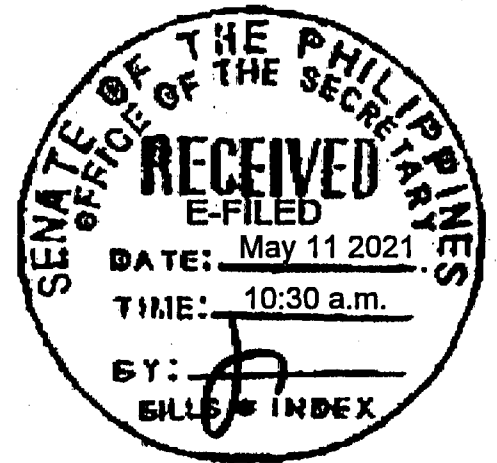


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**RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES
OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF RESPECTED
FILIPINO DIRECTOR FEDERICO "TOTO" NATIVIDAD, JR. AND HONORING
HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN PHILIPPINE CINEMA**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions, recognized and paid its respects to remarkable Filipinos for their remarkable body of work and valuable contribution to society;

WHEREAS, Federico "Toto" Natividad, Jr., respected Filipino action film and television director, passed away on April 27, 2021 at the age of 63 due to complications brought about by Covid-19 disease;

WHEREAS, "Direk Toto" was a film enthusiast since his younger years and apprenticed as an editor while he was studying. He further honed his craft when he became part of the editorial staff of several international and acclaimed blockbusters shot in the Philippines, including Oliver Stone's "Platoon" and "Born on the Fourth of July," and Francis Ford Coppola's "Apocalypse Now," among others;

WHEREAS, he directed his first feature in 1989, and would eventually become of one of the most sought-after and respected directors in the industry. He took the helm of at least fifty movies throughout his thirty-year directing career. His work in local action cinema was credited for the resurgence of the genre in the 1990s and the flourishing of the movie industry during that time;

WHEREAS, he also found success in directing popular and well-loved action series for television, including "FPJ's Ang Probinsyano," "Carlo J. Caparas' Panday," and "Cain at Abel";

WHEREAS, together with Ishmael Bernal and Marilou Diaz-Abaya, he was one of the eleven founding members of the Directors' Guild of the Philippines, Inc. (DGPI), the premier organization of Filipino film directors;

Whereas, his undeniable talent, passion and heart for filmmaking contributed to the vitality and growth of Philippine cinema, and his movies mirrored the social realities, as well as the struggles and triumph of the ordinary masses over injustices, presented in exhilarating and dynamic sequences;

WHEREAS, his passing is a great loss not only to this bereaved family and the film industry, which considers him as one of its pillars and heroes, but to the nation as well;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines on the death of respected Filipino director Federico "Toto" Natividad, Jr. and honoring his contributions in Philippine cinema.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.