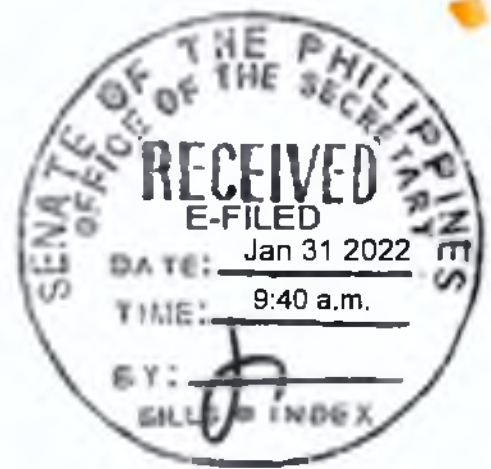


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Introduced by SENATOR RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINO FILMMAKERS DON JOSEPHUS RAPHAEL EBLAHAN AND MARTIKA RAMIREZ ESCOBAR FOR SECURING HISTORIC WINS AND PRIZES AT THE 2022 SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions,
2 recognized and honored outstanding Filipinos who received international recognition
3 in various fields and who brought glory and pride for the country;

4 WHEREAS, Sundance Film Festival, organized by the Sundance Institute, is the
5 largest independent film festival in the United States and one of the most celebrated
6 annual film festivals in the world. This year's edition was held virtually from January
7 20 to 30, amid the health risks posed by the novel Coronavirus pandemic;

8 WHEREAS, "Leonor Will Never Die," written and directed by Martika Ramirez
9 Escobar, received the Special Jury Award for Innovative Spirit at the World Cinema
10 Dramatic Section of the festival. The 29-year-old filmmaker became the first Filipino
11 feature film director to win at Sundance. It is also the first Filipino feature to compete
12 in the said festival section since Aureaus Solito's "Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo
13 Oliveros" in 2006;

14 WHEREAS, "The Headhunter's Daughter," written and directed by Don
15 Josephus Raphael Eblahan, won the Grand Jury Prize for Short Film. It is the country's
16 first ever win for a short film from the prestigious festival. The film is only the second
17 short film to be selected for the festival, after Sonny Calvento's "Excuse Me, Miss,
18 Miss, Miss" in 2021;

1 WHEREAS, their success in the international stage is proof of the top caliber
2 talent and creativity of Filipino filmmakers, who over the years have showcased before
3 the global audience the Filipino ingenuity through critically-acclaimed and socially-
4 relevant movies;

5 WHEREAS, their victory in the renowned film festival heralds a bright future for
6 Philippine cinema, as it inspires a new wave of young creatives to pursue their passion
7 of storytelling and produce excellent works of art;

8 WHEREAS, their exploration of film genres, creating innovation in movie
9 making, and giving voice to Filipino stories contribute to the enrichment of Philippine
10 cinema and local arts and culture;

11 WHEREAS, their triumph brings great honor and pride to the country and
12 deserve recognition from the Philippine Senate;

13 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
14 commend and congratulate Filipino filmmakers Don Josephus Raphael Eblahan and
15 Martika Ramirez Escobar for securing historic wins and prizes at the 2022 Sundance
16 Film Festival.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.