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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING DON JOSEPHUS RAPHAEL EBLAHAN  
FOR HIS SHORT FILM "THE HEADHUNTER'S DAUGHTER" THAT WON THE  
SHORT FILM GRAND JURY PRIZE AT THE 2022 SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous instances, given recognition and commendation to exemplary Filipinos for bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, Filipino director Don Josephus Raphael Eblahan's short film "The Headhunter's Daughter" won the Short Film Grand Jury Prize at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival held at Park City, Utah, United States from January 20 – 30, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Sundance Film Festival is a world-renowned annual film festival and is described as the "ultimate gathering of original storytellers and audiences seeking new voices and fresh perspectives"<sup>1</sup>. Its annual program consists of "dramatic and documentary features and short films; series and episodic content; and New Frontier, showcasing emerging media in the form of multimedia installations, performances, and films"<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sundance.org/festivals/sundance-film-festival/about>

<sup>2</sup> Id.

**WHEREAS**, juror Blackhorse Lowe said of Escobar's winning film: "[w]e were entranced by this poetic and dream-like film, which follows its character's intimate journey with gorgeous cinematography and direction and acting, capturing a unique sense of place."<sup>3</sup> The Headhunter's Daughter follows the story of an aspiring country artist who goes to the city to audition for a televised singing competition;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing this milestone of Don Josephus Raphael Eblahan is in accord with the 1987 Constitution's acknowledgement of the importance of arts and culture in fostering patriotism and nationalism and in promoting total human liberation and development. Mr. Eblahan deserves praise and commendation for bringing pride and honor to the country and for serving as an inspiration for future generations of Filipino artists;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Don Josephus Raphael Eblahan for his short film "The Headhunter's Daughter" that won the Short Film Grand Jury Prize at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival.

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID  
Senator

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sundance.org/blogs/2022-sundance-film-festival-awards-announced/>