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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING FILIPINO DIRECTOR JUN ROBLES LANA FOR WINNING THE BEST FILM AWARD FROM THE CRITICS' PICKS COMPETITION OF THE 26TH TALLINN BLACK NIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL HELD FROM NOVEMBER 11 TO 27, 2022

1 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines, on many occasions, has recognized
2 outstanding achievements of Filipino filmmakers who bring home awards from
3 prestigious film festivals and competitions around the world;

4 WHEREAS, Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival is one of the biggest film festivals
5 in Northern Europe and holds the Fédération Internationale des Associations de
6 Producteurs de Films (FIAPF or International Federation of Film Producers'
7 Associations) accreditation with competitive status. It is considered as one of the
8 fifteen A-category film festivals in the world, alongside Cannes, Locarno, Venice,
9 Tokyo, Berlin, Cairo among others;

10 WHEREAS, the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival screens around 250 features
11 and more than 300 short films and animations and is attended by 80,000 people
12 yearly;

13 WHEREAS, the 26th edition of the Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival took place
14 from November 11 to 27, 2022 in Tallinn, Estonia;

15 WHEREAS, at the closing ceremony of the festival, the film "About Us But Not
16 About Us" directed by Jun Robles Lana won the Best Film Award in the Critics' Picks
17 Competition. The film was described as "a thrilling psychological chamber drama

1 with surprising plot twists,” and “an unexpected realtime masterpiece, with minimal
2 but perfect film making”;

3 WHEREAS, Lana, an acclaimed writer, Palanca Hall of Fame awardee, and
4 renowned Filipino director who won Best Director in 2019 in the same festival for his
5 film “Kalel, 15”, scored another major triumph for Philippine cinema which elevated
6 the movie industry and enhanced the image of the nation before the international
7 community;

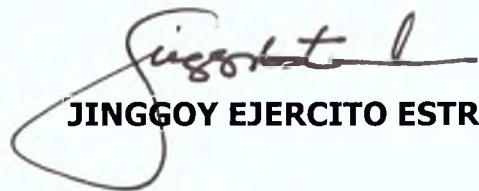
8 WHEREAS, the remarkable achievement of Lana in the prestigious
9 international film competition is yet another proof of the inherent ingenuity,
10 creativity and world-class talent of Filipino artists in the field of film making and
11 storytelling;

12 WHEREAS, this recent victory is another bright spot for our domestic movie
13 industry that is still reeling from the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and
14 rampant film piracy, and a testament that Filipinos can compete and are on par with
15 the best talents across the globe;

16 WHEREAS, Lana’s win brings pride and honor to the country, and merits
17 recognition from the Philippine Senate;

18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate,
19 to commend and congratulate Filipino director Jun Robles Lana for winning the Best
20 Film award from The Critics’ Picks Competition of the 26th Tallinn Black Nights Film
21 Festival held from November 11 to 27, 2022.

Adopted,


JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA