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Introduced by Senator JOEL VILLANUEVA

RESOLUTION

**RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING THE TEAM BEHIND THE
FILM, LEONOR WILL NEVER DIE, FOR WINNING THE SPECIAL
JURY PRIZE FOR INNOVATIVE SPIRIT AT THE 2022 SUNDANCE
FILM FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, “Leonor Will Never Die” is a Filipino independent film directed by acclaimed filmmaker Martika Ramirez Escobar¹, produced by Mario Cornejo and Monster Jimenez and stars seasoned actress Sheila Francisco and actors Bong Cabrera, Rocky Salumbides, and Anthony Falcon;²

WHEREAS, the Sundance Film Festival is the ultimate gathering of original storytellers and audiences, with an annual program that includes dramatic and documentary features, short films, and episodic content;³

WHEREAS, the film, a psychological drama-comedy,⁴ inspired by the macho Filipino action films of the '70s and '80s, won the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award: Innovative Spirit at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival, and secured a nomination at the 2023 Film Independent Spirit Awards for best international film;⁵

¹ December 13, 2022. Leonor Will Never Die Is a Tribute to Outlandish Filipino Action Movies. Available at: https://www.nashvillescene.com/arts_culture/film_tv/i-leonor-will-never-die-i-is-a-tribute-to-outlandish-filipino-action-movies/article_84eb5a0c-7a60-11ed-b816-ab5cafe00c25.html (Date last accessed: December 31, 2022)

² 2022 Sundance Film Festival Awards Announced. Available at: <https://www.sundance.org/blogs/2022-sundance-film-festival-awards-announced/> (Date last accessed: January 2, 2022).

³ The Sundance Film Festival. Available at: <https://www.sundance.org/festivals/sundance-film-festival/about/> (Date last accessed: January 2, 2022)

⁴ November 24, 2022. 'Leonor Will Never Die' nominated at Indie Spirit Awards 2023. Available at <https://www.philstar.com/movies/2022/11/24/2225906/leonor-will-never-die-nominated-indie-spirit-awards-2023> (Date last accessed: January 2, 2022)

⁵ November 22, 2022. They're Finally Here! The 2023 Film Independent Spirit Awards Film Nominations Announced!. Available at <https://www.film-independent.org/blog/2023-spirit-awards-film-nominations/> (Date last accessed: January 2, 2022)

WHEREAS, renowned film review website *Rogerebert.com* has praised the film for being “Unexpected in the most marvelous of manners;”⁶

WHEREAS, the victory of the film reaffirms and follows the prior recognition and awards given to Filipino films, is a testament to the world-class talent and creativity of Filipino filmmakers, and promotes the global recognition of Filipino films and culture;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to commend and congratulate the team behind the “Leonor Will Never Die” for winning the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award: Innovative Spirit at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival.

Adopted,


JOEL VILLANUEVA

⁶ November 25, 2022. *Leonor Will Never Die*. Available at: <https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/leonor-will-never-die-movie-review-2022> (Date last accessed: January 3, 2022)