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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO ACTOR ROMEO "JOHN" GONZALES ARCILLA FOR WINNING THE COVETED VOLPI CUP FOR BEST ACTOR IN THE 78<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Venice International Film Festival is the world's oldest film festival and is considered as one of the "Big Three" in the world of cinema, alongside the Cannes Film Festival and the Berlin International Film Festival, that ascribe international fame to outstanding artists and creators in film;

**WHEREAS**, the 78th Venice International Film Festival was held from September 1 to 11, 2021 showcasing 92 films from all over the world - A Filipino film, Erik Matti's "*On the Job: The Missing 8*," was included in the 21 feature-length films in the festival's main competition:

**WHEREAS**, Filipino actor Romeo "John" Gonzales Arcilla, who portrayed the character of Sisoy Salas in film, won the sought after Volpi Cup for Best Actor in the said film festival, becoming the very first Filipino to bag this prestigious recognition;

**WHEREAS**, Arcilla finally received his trophy at the WAGI! Celebration of Filipino Excellence film screening and discussion series at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) on February 18, 2023 presented to him the Italian Ambassador to the Philippines, His Excellency Marco Clemente;

**WHEREAS**, the success of John Arcilla is testament to the world-class talent, skill and passion of the Filipino, which brings inspiration to aspiring artists and creative individuals in the country;

**WHEREAS**, Arcilla's win is truly an outstanding feat that deserves all the recognition and praise. The Volpi Cup is one of the most prestigious and most coveted awards in the world. Arcilla is truly one of a select few who won the said award which included the likes of Brad Pitt, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Joaquin Phoenix, Javier Bardem, Ben Affleck, and Sean Penn.;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing this achievement of John Arcilla is in accord with the Constitution's acknowledgement of the importance of arts and culture in fostering patriotism and nationalism and in promoting total human liberation and development;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Romeo "John" Gonzales Arcilla for winning the Volpi Cup for Best Actor in the 78th Venice International Film Festival.

*Adopted,*

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator*