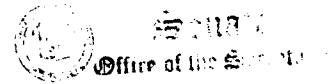


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RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND HONORING ARSENIO "NICK" J. LIZASO FOR HIS
INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROMOTION OF THE COUNTRY'S ARTS
AND CULTURE

1 WHEREAS, hailing from Santa Maria, Bulacan, the birthplace of great Filipino
2 artists, and as direct descendant of Jose Corazon de Jesus, also known as Huseng
3 Batute and "Hari ng Balagtasán", Arsenio "Nick" J. Lizaso helped bring to fore the
4 significance and relevance of the art forms of Balagtasán and Kundiman in the annals
5 of Philippine Literature for the appreciation of young Filipinos;

6 WHEREAS, Lizaso's passion for the arts has landed him foreign scholarships in
7 theater and film including the British Council Grant Attachment with the Royal
8 Shakespeare Company, as well as the Fullbright-Hayes Grant to the United States for
9 Theater Arts and has garnered him awards including Ten Outstanding Movers of the
10 Philippines (TOMP), Fernando Poe Jr. Lifetime Awards, Dangal ng Lipi Award,
11 Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Arts, CMMA Hall of Fame Awardee for
12 "Balintataw", Patnubay ng Sining at Kalinangan Award, among others;

13 WHEREAS, as President of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, he launched
14 the *Sining Sigla* outreach program to bring the arts closer to the common people by
15 bringing the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra and other CCP resident companies such
16 as Bayanihan Dance Company, Philippine Madrigal Singers, Philippine Ballet Theater,
17 Ballet Philippines, among others, to the various communities and LGUs, no matter how
18 far and remote;

19 WHEREAS, as the NCCA Chairman and the CCP President, he helped extend
20 financial assistance to all displaced cultural workers affected by the national shutdown
21 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and leveraged digital technology to continue
22 bringing the arts into the homes of marooned countrymen through online streaming;

23 WHEREAS, he successfully oversaw the complete rehabilitation, and the grand
24 re-opening of the of Metropolitan Theater, a national cultural treasure;

25 WHEREAS, as an elected Vice President and member of the Executive
26 Committee of the International University Theater Association (IUTA) based in Liege,

1 Belgium, he represented and promoted Philippines’s university-based theater arts and
2 established connections with over 1,000 members from 50 different countries;

3 WHEREAS, Lizaso’s efforts have been observed and valued by those who share
4 his passion for promoting arts and culture as attested by this well-deserved recently
5 conferred title Chevalier (Knight) in the French *Ordre des Arts et des Lettres* (Order of
6 Arts and Letters) by the Government of France in a reception led by French
7 Ambassador Marie Fontanel, on December 5, 2023;

8 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the
9 Senate of the Philippines to commend and honor Mr. Arsenio “Nick” J. Lizaso for his
10 invaluable contributions to our country’s cultural and artistic community to serve as
11 an inspiration for all Filipinos;

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA