

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**  
Pasay City

Nineteenth Congress

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RESOLUTION NO. 43

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 consistently recognized and commended 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 Cannes Film Festival

and the Berlin International Film Festival, that ascribe international fame to outstanding artists and creators in film;

WHEREAS, the 78<sup>th</sup> 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 achieve or attain this prestigious recognition;

WHEREAS, Mr. 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. The award was presented to him by the Italian Ambassador to the Philippines, His Excellency Marco Clemente;

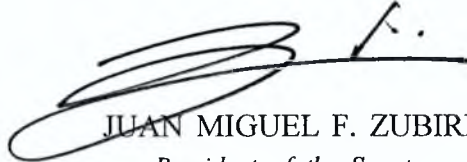
WHEREAS, the success of Mr. Arcilla is a testament to the world-class talent, skill and passion of the Filipino. It also brings inspiration to aspiring artists and creative individuals in the country;

WHEREAS, Mr. 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. Mr. 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 Mr. Arcilla is in accord with the Constitution's acknowledgment 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 by the Senate of the Philippines, To congratulate and commend Romeo "John" Gonzales Arcilla for winning the Volpi Cup for Best Actor in the 78<sup>th</sup> Venice International Film Festival.*


Adopted,

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JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2023.

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RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.

*Secretary of the Senate*

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