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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO POET, CRITIC AND UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES PROFESSOR GÉMINO H. ABAD FOR BEING NAMED ITALY'S PRIZE PREMIO FERONIA - CITTÀ DI FIANO 2009 IN THE FOREIGN AUTHOR CATEGORY FOR HIS WORK "IN ORDINARY TIME: POEMS, PARABLES, POETICS" TO BE CONFERRED DURING THE NOMINATION CEREMONIES ON JULY 11, 2009 AT THE CASTLE OF FIANO ROMANO, ITALY.

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their astonishing feat of bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in the international scene;

WHEREAS, Filipino poet, critic and University of the Philippines Professor Gémino H. Abad made the country proud when he was named the Prize Premio Feronia - Città Di Fiano 2009 in the Foreign Author category to be conferred during the Prize Premio Feronia - Città Di Fiano 2009 Nomination Ceremony on July 11, 2009 at the Castle of Fiano Romano, Italy, for his work "In Ordinary Time: Poems, Parables, Poetics";

WHEREAS, the Feronia Prize is Italy's most coveted literary achievement and was established 16 years ago by the Associazione Culturale Allegorein wherein they give awards in four categories: poetry, narrative, criticism and a special award to a foreign author;

WHEREAS, Professor Abad will be joining the ranks of previous winners of the Feronia Prize who are Günter Grass, Adonis and Natan Zach (ex-aequo), Leroi Jones, John M. Coetzee, Alfonso Sastre, Predrag Matvejevic, Michel Butor, Ismail Kadaré, Gao Xingjian, Roberto Fernández Retamar, Mahmud Darwish, Yvonne Vera, Dubravka Ugresic, Saadi Yousef, Kunwar Narain, Muhammad Bennis, Agotha Kristof;

WHEREAS, by being conferred this international literary achievement, Professor Gémino H. Abad has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this achievement by our Filipino poet and critic deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Filipino poet, critic and University of the Philippines Professor Gémino H. Abad for being named Italy's Prize Premio Feronia - Città Di Fiano 2009 in the Foreign Author category for his work "In Ordinary Time: Poems, Parables, Poetics" to be conferred during the Nomination Ceremonies on July 11, 2009 at the Castle of Fiano Romano, Italy.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID Senator