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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FILMMAKER RAYA MARTIN FOR WINNING THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE SOUTH EAST ASIAN COMPETITION AND THE NETPAC (NETWORK FOR THE PROMOTION OF ASIAN CINEMA) JURY PRIZE AWARD AT THE 7TH BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL HELD ON 24-30 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT BANGKOK, THAILAND FOR THE MOVIE "INDEPENDENCIA".

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 filmmaker Raya Martin made the country proud when he won the Grand Prize in the South East Asian Competition, for the film's "strong cinematic expression", and the NETPAC (Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema) Jury Prize Award, for "exploring the history of the Philippines and the history of Philippine Cinema within the limited space and with a few characters", in the recently concluded 7th Bangkok International Film Festival at Bangkok, Thailand held on 24-30 September 2009 for his much-acclaimed black-and-white opus *Independencia*;

WHEREAS, the Bangkok International Film Festival which is held annually in Bangkok, Thailand is organized by the Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) and the Federation of National Film Associations of Thailand which showcases critically-acclaimed films from across the globe and from other leading festivals such as the Cannes Film Festival, Berlin Film Festival, Venice Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival and this year's jury for the South East Asia Competition includes Berlin-based journalist and film critic, Vincenzo Bugno, Singaporean filmmaker, Royston Tan, and Thai indie rock icon and poet, Tul Waitoonkiat;

WHEREAS, the movie "*Independencia*" have made our country proud and have shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this achievement by our Filipino filmmaker 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 filmmaker Raya Martin for winning the Grand Prize in the South East Asian Competition and the NETPAC (Network for the Promotion

of Asian Cinema) Jury Prize Award at the 7th Bangkok International Film Festival held on 24-30 September 2009 at Bangkok, Thailand for the movie "Independencia".

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator