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Introduced by Senator Manny B. Villar

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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILM DIRECTOR RAYA MARTIN, THE CAST, THE  
TECHNICAL AND PRODUCTION CREW OF THE FILM "INDEPENDENCIA" FOR WINNING THE  
GRAND PRIZE IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA COMPETITION AND THE NETWORK FOR THE  
PROMOTION OF ASIAN CINEMA (NETPAC) AT THE SEVENTH BANGKOK INTERNATIONAL**

**FILM FESTIVAL**

**Whereas**, Raya Martin's "Independencia" is a 77-minute epic film set during the American occupation of the Philippines which portrays the Filipino's struggle for freedom during those trying times;

**Whereas**, "Independencia" is viewed by the Film Society of Lincoln Center in New York, USA and was hailed as a stellar film that "more than just focuses on the usual gruesome sceneries depicted in almost all war movies. Rather, it delves deeper into the Filipino psyche – including its hunger for deliverance and continued struggle for identity;"

**Whereas**, "Independencia" has also been recognized as a "stylized tale" that "offers a kind of alternative history of the Philippines and its struggle for nationhood;"

**Whereas**, "Independencia" has been recognized in several festivals already such as 47th Annual New York Film Festival, where it is the third Filipino film to participate in this Festival after Lino Brocka's "Insiang" in 1976 and Brillante Mendoza's "Serbis" in 2008, and Cannes International Film Festival, being the first Filipino film to be included in its Un Certain Regard category;

**Whereas,** the film has received international support in the form of monetary grants from several established institutions such as Cannes Festival Cinefondation Residence, the International Film Festival Rotterdam, Hubert Bals Fund Fall, Prince Claus Fund Film and the French government's Fonds Sud Cinem, wherein Raya Martin is the first Filipino to receive such grant;

**Whereas,** accolade for Raya Martin's ingenuity as shown in his masterpiece "Independencia" is proper as his film is again recognized at the Seventh Bangkok International Film Festival for winning the grand prize in two categories —the Southeast Asia Competition and the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema;

**Whereas,** the movie "Independencia" has, in several occasions, made our country proud deserving commendation by the Senate and the Filipino people. Now therefore be it

**AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** by the Senate to Congratulate and Commend Film Director Raya Martin, the Cast, the Technical and Production Crew of the film "Independencia" for winning the grand prize in the Southeast Asia Competition and the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (Netpac) at the Seventh Bangkok International Film Festival.

**Adopted,**



**MANNY B. VILLAR**