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**RESOLUTION**

**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FILMMAKER GIUSEPPE BEDE "GB" SAMPEDRO FOR RECEIVING THE SPECIAL MENTION CITATION IN THE NEW CURRENTS AWARD OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> PUSAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL HELD IN BUSAN, SOUTH KOREA ON 8-16 OCTOBER 2009 FOR THE MOVIE *ASTIG* (SQUALOR).**

**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 Giuseppe Bede "GB" Sampedro made the country proud when he received a Special Mention citation in the New Currents Award at the 14<sup>th</sup> Pusan International Film Festival at Busan, South Korea on 8-16 October 2009 for his movie *Astig* (Squalor);

**WHEREAS**, the Pusan International Film Festival is one of the most significant film festivals in Asia that focuses on introducing new films and first-time directors, especially those from Asian countries, and efforts to develop and promote young talent;

**WHEREAS**, the Festival jury awarded a Special Mention to *Astig* (Squalor) for its ingenuity and for the director's tactful and audacious take on the Filipinos' battle to outlive a lopsided society;

**WHEREAS**, filmmaker Giuseppe Bede "GB" Sampedro, through the movie *Astig* (Squalor) has 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 Giuseppe Bede "GB" Sampedro for receiving the Special Mention citation in the New Currents Award of the 14<sup>th</sup> Pusan International Film Festival held in Busan, South Korea on 8-16 October 2009 for the movie *Astig* (Squalor).

**Adopted,**

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator