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Introduced by SENATOR GREGORIO B. HONASAN II

RESOLUTION

URGING HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III, THE CULTURAL CENTER OF THE PHILIPPINES (CCP) AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (NCCA), TO CONFER TO RODOLFO VERA QUIZON, SR. ALSO KNOWN AS "DOLPHY, THE HIGHEST TITLE OF "PAMBANSANG ALAGAD NG SINING NG PILIPINAS" (THE NATIONAL ARTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES), FOR HIS IMMENSE AND UNPARALLELED CONTRIBUTION TO THE PHILIPPINE ARTS AND FILM INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, the National Artist of the Philippines is the highest title and recognition conferred to Filipino artists, as our country's national expression of gratitude and appreciation for their distinct contribution to the development of Philippine arts and letters including the fields of Music, Dance, Theater, Visual Arts, Literature, Film, Broadcast Arts, Fashion Design and Architecture, and Allied Arts;

WHEREAS, the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) pursuant to Proclamation No. 1001 issued by then President Ferdinand Marcos on April 2, 1972, and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) administer the National Artist Honors. The President of the Philippines confers the award to the National Artist by virtue of a Presidential Proclamation as recommended by the CCP and NCCA;

WHEREAS, the famous painter, Fernando Cueto Amorsolo was the first Filipino who was declared as the National Artist of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Vera Quizon, Sr. also known as "Dolphy" has been in the entertainment industry for more than six decades now; .

WHEREAS, he became famous for playing gay roles in comedy movies after he was typecasted in *Jack en Jill* in 1954. However, he elevated this typecasted comedic role into one of social significance when he made Markova: Comfort Gay in 2008 for which he won the Prix de la Meilleure Interpretation in Bruseels, Belgium;

WHEREAS, Dolphy was also actively involved in radio and television. His John En Marsha (1971) series was the acknowledged satire reflecting an entire generation, His Home Along Da Riles in 1992 and other similar genre provided inspiration for several situational comedies thereafter;

WHEREAS, Dolphy was awarded numerous awards and the latest of which was the 2010 Grand Collar of the Order of the Golden Heart, the highest award given to a private citizen by the President of the Philippines in recognizing his great contributions to the entertainment industry for his charitable and philanthropic works;

WHEREAS, he further received special awards such as Lifetime Achievement Award PASADO Awards, Golden Father Foundation Parangal ng Bayan Awardee; 1994 Bert Amorcelo Memorial Foundation, Dangal ng Lipi Awardee; 1995 PMPC Star Awards for TV, Lifetime Achievement Award; 1998 Gawad Urian Awards, Lifetime Achievement Award; 2000 Cinemanila International Film Festival, Lifetime Achievement Award; 2002 Lou Salvador Sr. Memorial Award, Bituin ng FAMAS Mula Noon Hanggang Ngayon Award; 2005 FAMAS Huwarang Bituin; 2009 Guillermo Mendoza Foundation Awards, Comedy Box-Office King; 2009 Metro Manila Film Festival Lifetime Achievement Award and 2010 FAMAS Awards, Exemplary Achievement Award, 2011 Best Actor, Father Jejemon Luna Awards (Film Academy of the Phil.); Best Comedy Actor Awards from PMPC Star Awards for TV, Best Actor Awards from metro Manila Film Festival, among others.

WHEREAS, Dolphy is regarded as the "Philippine King of Comedy" for his talent in comedy as embodied by his distinguished works on stage, radio, television and movies, whose works to this day is unmatched;

WHEREAS, given the above significant contributions of Rodolfo Vera Quizon also known as "Dolphy" to the heritage of our society, he meets the criteria set forth by the CCP and NCCA, and therefore deserves the highest title of the National Artist of the Philippines. He should be accorded the national expression of gratitude and appreciation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge His Excellency President Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) and the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA), to confer to Rodolfo Vera Quizon, Sr. also known as "Dolphy", the highest title of "Pambansang Alagad ng Sining ng Pilipinas" (The National Artist of the Philippines), for his immense and unparalleled contribution to the Philippine Arts and Film Industry.

Adopted,

GREGORIO B. HONASAN II

Senator