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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FILMMAKER LAVRENTE INDICO DIAZ ("LAV DIAZ") FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS SILVER BEAR ALFRED BAUER PRIZE AT THE 66TH BERLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL IN BERLIN, GERMANY ON 21 FEBRUARY 2016

WHEREAS, Filipino filmmaker Lav Diaz has once again made the country proud when he won the Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize for work of particular innovation at the 66th Berlin International Film Festival for his eight-hour historical epic "Hele sa Hiwagang Hapis (Lullaby to Sorrowful Mystery)";

WHEREAS, the Silver Bear Alfred Bauer Prize, an award given to "a feature film that opens new perspectives on cinematic art," was received by the "Hele" team headed by Director Lav Diaz, Executive Producer Paul Soriano, and the cast ensemble led by John Lloyd Cruz, Piolo Pascual, Angel Aquino, Cherie Gil, Alessandra de Rossi, Bernardo Bernardo, Susan Africa, among others, in Berlin, Germany on 21 February 2016;

WHEREAS, "Hele" is set in the late 19th century at the period of the Philippine revolution against Spanish rule and highlights the influence of Andres Bonifacio during the uprising;

WHEREAS, "Hele," which runs for more than eight hours, is the longest film to ever compete at the prestigious Berlin film festival;

WHEREAS, Lav Diaz, who was born and raised in Mindanao, is known for the length of his films — one of which runs for up to 11 hours — as he believes that films should not be governed by time but by space and nature;

WHEREAS, since 1998, Diaz has directed more than a dozen films, which mostly focus on the social and political struggles of the Philippines, and has earned various awards and admiration from both local and international film festivals;

WHEREAS, this achievement by Diaz, Soriano, the other producers as well as the cast and crew of "Hele" deserves to be recognized for bringing pride and honor anew to the country, and for showcasing to the world exceptional Filipino talent and excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend, Filipino filmmaker Lavrente Indico Diaz, otherwise known as Lav Diaz, for winning the Alfred Bauer Prize for work of particular innovation at the 66th Berlin International Film Festival for his film "Hele sa Hiwagang Hapis (Lullaby to Sorrowful Mystery)".

Adopted,


SENATOR SONNY ANGARA