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Introduced by Senator Poe

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING, COMMENDING, AND HONORING LAV DIAZ, AND ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SUCCESS OF "ANG BABAENG HUMAYO", FOR WINNING THE 2016 VENICE FILM FESTIVAL GOLDEN LION AWARD

WHEREAS, the 1987 Philippine Constitution is replete with provisions as regards the arts and artistic creations, to wit:

Section 17, Article II:

The State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture, and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development.

Section 14, Article XIV:

The State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

Section 15, Article XIV:

Arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations.

Section 16, Article XIV:

All the country's artistic and historic wealth constitutes the cultural treasure of the nation and shall be under the protection of the State which may regulate its disposition. (Emphasis supplied.)

WHEREAS, just recently, internationally-acclaimed Filipino director LAV DIAZ (Diaz) was handed the "2016 Venice Film Festival Golden Lion" award for his 228-minute movie entitled, "Ang Babaeng Humayo" (The Woman Who Left);

WHEREAS, the Golden Lion Award is the highest honor given at the 73rd Venice Film Festival in Italy which was awarded by an eight-member jury of filmmaker and actors;

WHEREAS, the *Irish Times* had described Diaz as a "master of the Philippines" and his triumph is the latest addition to the sterling array of international awards hauled by the Philippines in this year's A-list film festivals – truly a continuing proof of the world-class Filipino talent;

WHEREAS, "Ang Babaeng Humayo" revolves around the story of Horacia, a school teacher who spent 30 years in a correctional facility for a crime she did not commit; she was later released only to find that her husband had long passed away, her daughter had moved out, her son had gone missing, and that a former lover had set her up to be jailed;

WHEREAS, "Ang Babaeng Humayo" was also named "Best Foreign Language Film" at the Sorriso Diverso Venezia 2016 Awards, one of the collateral awards handed out before the festival's major honors;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-cited Constitutional policies and mandates in relation to arts and artistic creations as cultural treasures of the nation, it is but right to honor Diaz, and all those involved in "Ang Babaeng Humayo", in his success which contributes to the immortalization of the world-class Filipino talent in film-making or directing in the international arena;

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, congratulating, commending and honoring Lav Diaz, and all those involved in the success of "Ang Babaeng Humayo", for winning the 2016 Venice Film Festival Golden Lion award.

GRACE POE

Adopted,