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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING NOEL CELIS FOR WINNING 3<sup>RD</sup>**  
**PLACE IN THE GENERAL NEWS CATEGORY OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> WORLD PRESS**  
**PHOTO CONTEST**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has in numerous occasions paid tribute to exemplary Filipinos for their contribution in bringing pride and honor to the country by winning international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, Filipino photographer Noel Celis of Agence France-Presse (AFP) bagged 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the General News category of the 60<sup>th</sup> World Press Photo Contest for his photograph of inmates trying to sleep in an over-populated prison in the city;<sup>1</sup>

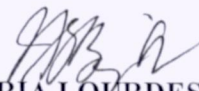
**WHEREAS**, the World Press Photo Foundation is one of the most prestigious award giving body in photojournalism and multimedia storytelling. The exhibition it produces is seen by millions of people worldwide. It works to develop and promote quality visual journalism because people deserve to see their world and they deserve to express themselves freely;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, eighty thousand four hundred eight (80,408) images made by five thousand thirty four (5,034) photographers from one hundred twenty five (125) different countries competed in the 60<sup>th</sup> World Press Photo Contest;<sup>3</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Noel Celis is an inspiration to Filipinos all over the world and deserves our commendation.

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate and commend Noel Celis for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the General News category of the 60<sup>th</sup> World Press Photo Contest.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**  
Senator

<sup>1</sup> GMA News Website, <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/599422/lifestyle/artandculture/pinoy-photog-wins-prestigious-award-for-jail-photo-amid-drug-war>

<sup>2</sup> World Press Website, <https://www.worldpressphoto.org/about/mission>

<sup>3</sup> World Press Website, <https://www.worldpressphoto.org/collection/photo/2017>