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RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL SINGER AND COMPOSER
FREDDIE "ANAK" AGUILAR FOR HIS LIFETIME OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE ARTS AND CULTURE

WHEREAS, on March 18, 1978 the recording of the song "ANAK" by a talented young man from Isabela named Freddie Aguilar was released. "ANAK" is a song with a poignant story about a parent's love for a wayward child¹.

WHEREAS, the 40th Anniversary of the release of this phenomenal song will be celebrated this March 18, 2018.

WHEREAS, the hit song "ANAK" was released in fifty three (53) countries, translated in twenty nine (29) languages and re-recorded in more than one hundred (100) versions and sold thirty three (33) million copies worldwide. Billboard reported that the song was the number one in the U.S. for two weeks and world hit of the 1980s. As of 2006 it was unsurpassed as the all-time highest-selling record of Philippine music.²

WHEREAS, thirty-seven years after its release, the song "ANAK" was used as the theme song of Gangnam Blues, a South Korean action

¹ <http://freddieaguilar.com/biography.html>

² Dot Ramos Balasbas-Gancayco (2006-12-12). "Still up on his toes (an interview with Freddie Aguilar)". The Philippine Star. Archived from the original on 2012-03-10. Retrieved 2010-06-06.

film released in March of 2015³.

WHEREAS, some of Mr. Aguilar's songs that echoed the state of the nation then were entitled "KATARUNGAN" (justice), "PANGAKO" (promise), "LUZVIMINDA" (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, the three main island in the Philippines).

WHEREAS, Mr. Freddie Aguilar is the only Asian singer and composer who broke into the western market and gained massive global recognition, bringing pride and honor to our country. His unceasing nationalistic contribution to the Philippine music and culture warrants recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to recognize Mr. Freddie "Anak" Aguilar for his lifetime outstanding contributions to the Philippine arts and culture.

Adopted,



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³ <https://www.smu.edu.sg/events/2015/04/18/anak-untold-story-freddie-aguilar-0>