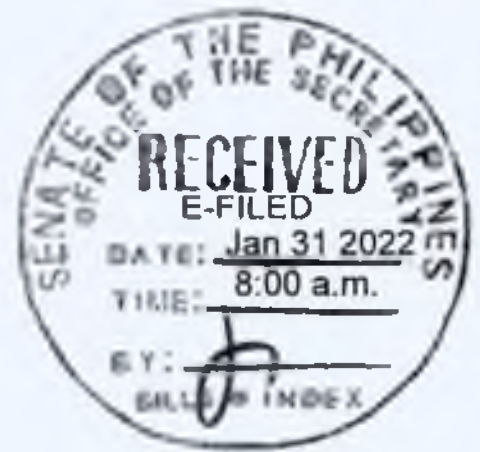


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MARTIKA RAMIREZ ESCOBAR FOR**  
**HER FILM "LEONOR WILL NEVER DIE" THAT WON THE WORLD CINEMA**  
**DRAMATIC SPECIAL JURY AWARD: INNOVATIVE SPIRIT AT THE 2022**  
**SUNDANCE FILM FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on numerous instances, given recognition and commendation to exemplary Filipinos for bringing pride and honor to the country by winning in international competitions;

**WHEREAS**, Filipino director Martika Ramirez Escobar's film "Leonor Will Never Die" won the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award: Innovative Spirit at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival held at Park City, Utah, United States from January 20 – 30, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the Sundance Film Festival is a world-renowned annual film festival and is described as the "ultimate gathering of original storytellers and audiences seeking new voices and fresh perspectives"<sup>1</sup>. Its annual program consists of "dramatic and documentary features and short films; series and episodic content; and New Frontier,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sundance.org/festivals/sundance-film-festival/about>

showcasing emerging media in the form of multimedia installations, performances, and films<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, juror La Frances Hui said of Escobar's winning film: "[s]witching in-between genres, this film within a film follows an ailing screenwriter who enters her unfinished screenplay of a gangster film to experience and edit her own creation. Constantly shifting in tone, the film is a playful display of the love of cinema. Its innovative and risk-taking spirit is especially commendable<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, recognizing this milestone of Martika Ramirez Escobar is in accord with the 1987 Constitution's acknowledgement of the importance of arts and culture in fostering patriotism and nationalism and in promoting total human liberation and development. Ms. Escobar deserves praise and commendation for bringing pride and honor to the country and for serving as an inspiration for future generations of Filipino artists;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend Martika Ramirez Escobar for her film "Leonor Will Never Die" that won the World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award: Innovative Spirit at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival.

*Adopted.*



**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator

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<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sundance.org/blogs/2022-sundance-film-festival-awards-announced/>