

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Second Regular Session)

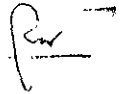
Senate
Office of the Secretary

12 JAN 17 12:35

SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 681

RECEIVED

BY: 

Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO PHOTOGRAPHER GEORGE TAPAN FOR BEING DECLARED WINNER IN THE "PLACES" CATEGORY OF THE 2011 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FOR HIS ENTRY "INTO THE GREEN ZONE".

WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has in several occasions paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their outstanding achievements in bringing home pride and glory to the country by becoming champions in international competitions;

WHEREAS, Filipino photographer George Tapan was declared winner in the Places category of the 2011 National Geographic Photography contest, for his entry "Into the Green Zone", announced during the 3rd week of December 2011 in the contest's website;

WHEREAS, George Tapan's "Into the Green Zone" is a photograph of a rainbow after a rainstorm, which also captured a fisherman in a small boat and a woman walking on the shore of Onuk Island's pristine beach in Balabac, Palawan.

WHEREAS, National Geographic, which was originally based in Washington DC, is a prestigious institution with a worldwide circulation in 34 language editions of nearly 9 million, with more than 50 million subscribers;

WHEREAS, National Geographic is well-known for articles about scenery, history, and the most distant corners of the world and has been recognized for its book-like quality and its standard of photography, which makes it the home to some of the highest-quality photojournalism in the world;

WHEREAS, the National Geographic Photography contest is an annual international photography competition that started in 2006 with over eighteen countries participating and this year's competition drew more than 20,000 photographs from professional and amateur photographers from over 130 countries across the globe competing in three categories: People, Places, and Nature;

WHEREAS, the competition was judged on creativity and photographic quality by a panel of experts composed of field biologist and wildlife photojournalist Tim Laman, National Geographic photographer Amy Toensing and National Geographic nature photographer Peter Essick;

WHEREAS, by being cited in this international competition, Filipino photographer George Tapan has made our country proud and has shown to the world the spirit of Filipino ingenuity and excellence;

WHEREAS, this outstanding performance by our Filipino photographer deserves to be commended for the honor and recognition he has brought to our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Filipino photographer George Tapan for being declared winner in the "Places" category of the 2011 National Geographic Photography contest for his entry "Into the Green Zone".

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator 