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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO FILMMAKER LAV DIAZ FOR
WINNING THE GOLDEN LION AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR GIVEN AT THE VENICE
FILM FESTIVAL, FOR HIS MOVIE "ANG BABAENG HUMAYO"

WHEREAS, Filipino filmmaker Lav Diaz has once again made a historic win for the country when he bagged the Golden Lion Award, the top prize in the 73rd Venice Film Festival in Italy, for his film "Ang Babaeng Humayo (The Woman Who Left)" on September 11, 2016 (Manila time);

WHEREAS, "Ang Babaeng Humayo", which stars Charo Santos and John Lloyd Cruz, is a 228-minute or nearly four-hour long revenge drama about a wrongly convicted schoolteacher who, after spending 30 years in prison, plots retribution against her former lover who framed her for a crime she did not commit;

WHEREAS, primarily shot in Calapan, Mindoro, the black-and-white film "plays with the theme of moral accountability within a narrative colored by kidnappings, transgenderism and poverty";

WHEREAS, produced by Cinema One Originals and Sine Olivia Pilipinas, "Ang Babaeng Humayo" was also named Best Foreign Language Film at the Sorriso Diverso Venezia 2016 Awards, one of the minor awards given before the festival's major honors;

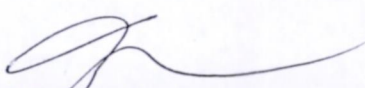
WHEREAS, "Ang Babaeng Humayo" is the first Filipino film to win the highest accolade in the Venice Film Festival, the world's oldest film festival and is considered one of the "Big Three", the other two being the Cannes Film Festival and the Berlin International Film Festival;

WHEREAS, last February, Diaz also won the Silver Bear award at the 2016 Berlin Film Festival for his eight-hour film "Hele Sa Hiwagang Hapis (A Lullaby for the Sorrowful Mystery)";

WHEREAS, since 1998, Diaz has directed more than a dozen films, which mostly focus on the social and political struggles of the Philippines, and has earned countless awards and admiration from both local and international film festivals. And, during his acceptance speech at the Venice Film Festival, the celebrated filmmaker was quoted saying, "This is for my country, for the Filipino people, for our struggle, and for the struggle of humanity";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines congratulate and commend Filipino filmmaker Lav Diaz, together with the producers, and the cast and crew of "Ang Babaeng Humayo (The Woman Who Left)", for winning the Golden Lion Award, the top prize in the 73rd Venice Film Festival in Italy, bringing pride and joy to the country, and once again showcasing to the world the brilliance and remarkable talent of Filipinos.

Adopted,


SENATOR SONNY ANGARA