

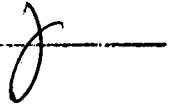
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**RESOLUTION
HONORING THE LATE DR. CIRILO F. BAUTISTA,
NATIONAL ARTIST FOR LITERATURE,
FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL AND VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE EVOLUTION AND SHAPING OF THE PHILIPPINE LITERATURE**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, in many occasions, commended and honored distinguished and admirable Filipinos;

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 17 of the 1987 Constitution acknowledges the importance of arts in fostering patriotism and nationalism, upholding human progress, liberation and development;

WHEREAS, on the 6 May 2018, Dr. Cirilo Bautista passed away at the age of 76, leaving behind a large body of work and a profound legacy in Philippine literature;

WHEREAS, Bautista was born in Sampaloc, Manila on 9 July 1941.¹ He graduated Magna Cum Laude in Bachelor of Arts Literature at the University of Sto. Tomas in 1963, and later continued his Master's Degree in Saint Louis University (SLU) where he likewise graduated as a Magna Cum Laude in 1968, and then took a Doctorate in Language and Literature in De La Salle University (DLSU) in 1990;²

¹ De Vera, Ruel S. Inquirer.net. 6 May 2018. *National Artist for Literature Cirilo F. Bautista, 76, writes 30*. Available at <http://lifestyle.inquirer.net/293547/national-artist-literature-cirilo-f-bautista-76-writes-30/>.

² Cimatu, Frank. Rappler. 8 May 2018. *Cirilo F. Bautista and Baguio: How the Poet became the Muse of the city*. Available at <https://www.rappler.com/life-and-style/arts-and-culture/202045-poet-cirilo-bautista-baguio-city-muse>

WHEREAS, Dr. Bautista was not only a remarkable essayist, fictionist and prolific poet, but a painter and a dedicated educator as well, having shared his knowledge, inspired young writers and taught in SLU for five (5) years and in DLSU for 33 years before his retirement in 2006;³

WHEREAS, as of date, he remains to be the only Filipino to have been given an honorary degree from the esteemed International Program at the University of Iowa;⁴

WHEREAS, in 2014, then President Benigno Aquino III conferred upon him, by virtue of Proclamation No. 209, the title “National Artist for Literature” for his great contributions in the world of Literature;⁵

WHEREAS, his fervent and admirable sense of commitment and dedication towards literature led him to become a multi-awarded writer. He garnered nine (9) Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards, for essay, fiction, poetry in both English and Filipino and a Gawad Balagtas Award by the Writer’s Union of the Philippines, as well as a Pablo Ramon Prize for his novel;⁶

WHEREAS, some of his prominent works were not only published in the country but also appeared in major literary journals, magazine and papers worldwide. Some of his exemplary works include “Summer Suns” (1963), “The Cave and Other Poems” (1968), “Words and Battlefields: A Theoria on the Poem” (1998), “The Trilogy of Saint Lazarus” (2001), “Sunlight on Broken Stones” (2000), and “Galaw ng Asoge” (2004);⁷

³ Garcia Leony. Business Mirror. 30 May 2016. *DLSU Professor Emeritus Cirilo Bautista is National Artist for Literature*. Available at <https://businessmirror.com.ph/dlsu-professor-emeritus-cirilo-bautista-is-national-artist-for-literature/>.

⁴ Lacuesta, Mookie Katigbak. ABS News Online. 6 May 2018. *Outpouring of Gratitude in memory of Poet and National Artist Cirilo Bautista*. Available at <http://news.abs-cbn.com/life/05/06/18/outpouring-of-gratitude-in-memory-of-poet-and-national-artist-cirilo-bautista>.

⁵ *Supra Note 1*

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⁷ GMA News Online. 10 March 2018. *National Artist Cirilo Bautista to be honored with special section in QC Public Library*. Available at <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/lifestyle/artandculture/652910/national-artist-cirilo-bautista-to-be-honored-with-special-section-in-qc-public-library/story/>.

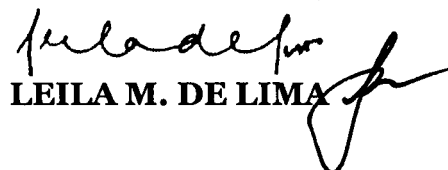
WHEREAS, Dr. Bautista was one of the pillars of several influential organizations and groups like the Philippine Literacy Council, Philippine Center of International PEN, the Philippine Writers Academy, Manila Critics Center⁸ and Baguio Writers Group;⁹

WHEREAS, his passion in literature and the depth and breadth of his themes, have certainly influenced generations of Filipino writers and have instilled among our people nationalism and devotion to our culture and arts;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Senate to give due recognition and importance to renowned and respected Filipino artists, it seeks to encourage and further promote the artistic and creative endeavors of the Filipinos;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to honor the late Dr. Cirilo F. Bautista, National Artist for Literature, for his exceptional and valuable contributions to the evolution and shaping of Philippine literature.

Adopted,


LEILA M. DE LIMA

⁸ *Supra* Note 4

⁹ *Supra* Note 2