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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING RODOLFO "JUN" R. LANA, JR. FOR HIS FILM, ABOUT US BUT NOT ABOUT US, BEING SELECTED AS THE CRITIC'S BEST FILM IN THE 26TH BLACK NIGHTS FILM FESTIVAL HELD IN TALLINN, ESTONIA

1 **WHEREAS**, the Philippine Senate has, on several occasions, give recognition
2 and commendation to outstanding Filipino artistry for their exceptional feats of
3 bringing honor, pride and glory to the country by garnering prestigious awards;

4 **WHEREAS**, Article XIV, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that "Arts
5 and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall converse, promote,
6 and popularize the nation";

7 **WHEREAS**, Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival or Pimedate Ööde FilmiFestival
8 (PÖFF's) is considered as one of the biggest film festivals in Northern Europe and
9 busiest regional industry platforms, hosting more than 1000 delegates since 1997. The
10 festival screens around 250 features and more than 300 shorts and animations and
11 sees an attendance of 80,000 people annually;

12 **WHEREAS**, FIAPF (Fédération Internationale des Associations de Producteurs
13 de Films) has placed PÖFF's among the so-called A-category of film festivals, alongside
14 other 14 festivals in the world including Berlin, Cannes, and Venice;

15 **WHEREAS**, The Critic's Pick - Competition Section, an inaugural section for
16 this 2022 edition, showcase up to 10 films selected by the festival's programming team
17 that are "powerful and artistically-outstanding works which might otherwise be
18 overlooked in PÖFF's broader programme,"

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1 **WHEREAS**, Rodolfo R. Lana, Jr. or Jun Robles Lana’s “About Us But Not About
2 Us” is one of the official selection in the Critics’ Pick Competition of the 26th edition of
3 the festival in Estonia, Northern Europe, that run from November 11 to 27, 2022;

4 **WHEREAS**, Lana’s “About Us But Not About Us” competed with films produced
5 from Germany, Georgia, Belgium, United Kingdom, Spain, Argentina, Albania,
6 Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Slovakia, Turkey, Spain, Bulgaria, Taiwan, Iran, Israel,
7 Canada, and Italy;

8 **WHEREAS**, Lana’s “About Us But Not About Us” won as the Best Film in Critic’s
9 Pick Competition Section in the PÖFF on November 26, 2022;

10 **WHEREAS**, The jury describes Lana’s latest film as a “thrilling psychological
11 chamber drama with surprising plot twists. An unexpected real time masterpiece, with
12 minimal but perfect film making, ‘About Us’ is not about us but about how to make
13 cinema with what we have.”;

14 **WHEREAS**, Jun Robles Lana has won Best Director for his film, “Kahlel,15” in
15 Official Section - Competition of the same festival in 2019;

16 **WHEREAS**, Jun Robles Lana, an award-winning writer and director, is the
17 youngest Filipino to be inducted in the Palanca Literary Awards (Philippine’s Pulitzer
18 Prize) Hall of Fame. His films - Bwakaw (2012), Barber's Tales (2013), Shadow Behind
19 The Moon (2015), Die Beautiful (2016) and Big Night (2021) - have been equally
20 recognized in international film festivals;

21 **WHEREAS**, this achievement by Jun Robles Lana deserves to be commended
22 for the honor and recognition they have brought to our country. He have made our
23 country proud and has shown to the world the Filipino ingenuity and creativity;

24 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to commend
25 Rodolfo “Jun” R. Lana, Jr. for his film, About Us But Not About Us, being selected as
26 the Critic’s Best Film in the 26th Black Night Film held in Tallinn, Estonia.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA JR.