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Introduced by **Rep. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA**
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A RESOLUTION TO GIVE COMMENDATION AND RECOGNITION TO THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE DOCUMENTARY FILM *IYALLATIW* FOR ITS INCLUSION IN THE OFFICIAL SELECTION OF THE SPRING 2021 INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL MANHATTAN IN NEW YORK

WHEREAS, the International Film Festival Manhattan (IFFM) is an international and independent film festival and multimedia company based in New York City committed to showcase entertaining and diverse film selections and exploring all opportunities to promote the artists, their work, their vision, and their cause;

WHEREAS, *Iyallatiw (To Transfer)*, a documentary produced by an Ilokano filmmaker, Melder Ritz Gomez, an instructor at the Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU) College of Arts and Sciences, and his team, Koleen Ragudo, Marvyl Somera, Royson Pascua, Franz Timbresa, and Michael Diego, has qualified as one of the Official Selection of the IFFM Virtual Events Spring 2021;

WHEREAS, it is among five (5) documentaries and thirty-six (36) films to be showcased from May 28 to 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, *Iyallatiw* was also selected for the IndieFEST Film Awards in California and the Diwa Filipino Film Showcase in Seattle, Washington;

WHEREAS, *Iyallatiw*'s inclusion in the official selection at the 11th International Film Festival Manhattan is another achievement and proof of Filipino ingenuity, creativity, and artistry;

WHEREAS, Section 14, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall foster the preservation, enrichment and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity and diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression;

WHEREAS, *Iyallatiw* features Paoay's old oral traditions specifically prayers for the dead and a depiction of a dying tradition, as well as the struggles of the *manghualos*, persons who offer prayers, in passing down their traditions to future generations;

WHEREAS, the documentary *Iyallatiw* promotes the nation's cultural heritage, particularly Ilokano oral traditions;

WHEREAS, Gomez, Ragudo, Somera, Pascua, Timbresa, and Diego, through this film, challenged not only their *kailians* but also their fellow Filipinos to appreciate and preserve Filipino cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, the accolades received by the film and the people behind the creation and development of *Iyallatiw* encourage local filmmakers to create quality documentaries and movies that inspire all Filipinos here and abroad;

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution further provides that arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State;

WHEREAS, the State shall endeavor to promote the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations like *Iyallatiw* for their valuable contribution in the preservation, enrichment, and promotion of Filipino culture and traditions through generations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the House of Representatives give due commendation and recognition to the people behind the creation and development of the documentary *Iyallatiw* for its inclusion in the Official Selection of the International Film Festival Manhattan in New York – Spring 2021.

Adopted,


ANGELO MARCOS BARBA