HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2216


A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING JOHN ARCILLA FOR WINNING THE PRESTIGIOUS VOLPI CUP FOR BEST ACTOR AT THE 78TH VENICE FILM FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, Mr. John Arcilla bagged the prestigious Coppi Volpi (Volpi Cup) for Best Actor for his performance in the movie On The Job: The Missing 8 at the recently concluded 78th Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy on September 11, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Venice International Film Festival or Mostra Internazionale d'Arte Cinematografica della Biennale di Venezia which is translated to "International Exhibition of Cinematographic Art of the Venice Biennale" is the world's oldest film festival and one of the "Big Three" film festivals, alongside the Cannes Film Festival and the Berlin International Film Festival. Venice International Film Festival is internationally acclaimed for giving creators the artistic freedom to express themselves through film;

WHEREAS, the Volpi Cup for Best Actor or Coppa Volpi per la migliore interpretazione maschile is the principal award given to actors at the Venice Film Festival and is named in honor of Count Giuseppe Volpi di Misurata, the founder of the Venice Film Festival;

WHEREAS, Mr. Arcilla now joins previous winners of the prestigious Volpi Cup for Best Actor including acclaimed actors such as Brad Pitt, Colin Firth, Liam Neeson, Hugh Grant, Joaquin Phoenix, Javier Bardem, Ben Affleck, Sean Penn and Toshiro Mifune;

WHEREAS, Academy Award-winning director Bong Joon-ho is the president of the jury for this year’s Venice Film Festival. He is joined by fellow Oscar winner Nomadland director Chloé Zhao, Cynthia Erivo, Alexander Nanau, Saverio Costanza, Virginie Efira, and Sarah Gadon³;

WHEREAS, Mr. Arcilla won the coveted award for his portrayal of Sisoy Salas in the movie directed by Mr. Erik Matti. Unfortunately, Mr. Arcilla could not make it to the prestigious film festival but he was able to share his thoughts and have his spotlight when he gave his acceptance speech via video. Instead, Mr. Erik Matti received the award on his behalf who was accompanied by Mr. Arcilla’s co-star Mr. Dennis Trillo, Globe Studios Head Mr. Quark Henares, Asian Cultural Council Philippines Foundation Chairman Ernest Escaler and Reality Entertainment producer Mr. Dondon Monteverde in Venice for the screening and awards night;

WHEREAS, Mr. Arcilla is the first Filipino to win the Best Actor award at the Venice Film Festival and is not new to getting admiration from international award-winning bodies. He was a nominee at the 2016 Asian Film Awards and the 2013 British Independent Film Awards. In the Philippines, organizations such as the Gawad Urian, Film Academy of the Philippines and Cinemalaya have also taken notice of his acting prowess;

WHEREAS, this accolade has increased the world’s awareness of the excellence of Filipino performing arts, film and artists and serves as a timely inspiration to all Filipinos, especially those in both the Philippine movie and performing arts industry;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and acknowledge award-winning Filipino actor to encourage local actors and actresses to push cinematic boundaries and elevate further the quality of Filipino performing arts and film, especially in light of the recent vibrancy of Philippine cinema, which the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) hails as the Third Golden Age of Philippine Cinema;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that taking into consideration the above-mentioned premises, we, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives hereby RESOLVE to congratulate and commend actor John Arcilla for his award-winning performance in the film “On The Job: The Missing 8” having won Best Actor award at the recently concluded 78th Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy on September 11, 2021;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be given to Mr. John Arcilla and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,

HON. FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ

HON. ROSE MARIE "BABY" J. ARENAS

HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO