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RESOLUTION NO. 166

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PRODUCERS, WRITERS, DIRECTORS, ACTORS, AND FILM TECHNICIANS BEHIND THE CREATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PRODUCTION OF THE FILM QUEZON'S GAME FOR GARNERING AWARDS AND RECOGNITION IN SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS, RECOGNIZING THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OF FILM TO ENRICH OUR PHILIPPINE HISTORY, AND REMINDING THE FILIPINO PEOPLE OF OUR LONG-STANDING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.
WHEREAS, Sections 14 and 15, Article XIV of the Constitution provide:

"Sec. 14. The State shall foster the preservation, enrichment, and dynamic evolution of a Filipino national culture based on the principle of unity in diversity in a climate of free artistic and intellectual expression.

"Sec. 15. Arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State. The State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations."

WHEREAS, the film Quezon's Game showcased the heroism and kind generosity of the Filipino people led by President Manuel Luis Quezon in rescuing and giving safe haven to more than a thousand Jewish refugees fleeing persecution from Nazi Germany during the Holocaust, promoting thereby the nation's humanitarian legacy as well as its historical and cultural heritage;

WHEREAS, the film garnered twelve (12) awards in the Cinema World Fest Awards held in Ottawa, Canada last 15 December 2018, to wit: Awards of Excellence in Acting for the Male Lead, Female Lead, Supporting Actor, Original Score, Lighting, Produced Screenplay, Sound Design, Costume Design, and Set Design; Award of Recognition in Directing; and Merit Awards for Drama Feature, and Color Treatment;

WHEREAS, during the IndieFEST Film Awards held on 4 February 2019 in La Jolla, California, United States of America (USA), the film was granted six (6) Awards of Excellence for the following: Lead Actor – Raymond Bagatsing; Original Score – Dean Rosen; Cinematography – Matthew Rosen; Asian Film; and Special Mention as a Feature Film – Carlo G. Katigbak, Lorena H. Rosen, Olivia M. Lamasan, and Linggit Tan-Marasigan;
WHEREAS, subsequently, in the Accolade Global Film Competition in La Jolla, California, on 25 February 2019, the film garnered an award for Excellence in Film Production, and Special Mention as a Film Feature;

WHEREAS, during the WorldFest - Houston International Film and Video Festival in Houston, Texas, USA held on 15 March 2019, the film garnered several Remi Awards in the following categories: Best Foreign Feature Film; Special Jury Awards for Best Director – Matthew Rosen; Best Producer – Lorena Rosen; Historical Content; and Golden Award for Best Art Direction;

WHEREAS, recognizing its historical and cultural importance, several international film festivals officially selected and screened the film, such as the Maryland International Film Festival on 24 February 2019 in Hagerstown, Maryland, USA, and the Ramsgate International Film and TV Festival on March 22, 2019 in Ramsgate, Kent, United Kingdom. Quezon’s Game was also recognized as the Best in Show 2019 Grand Champion at the Cinema World Fest Annual Gala held in Ottawa, Canada last 23 May 2019, and thereafter, was selected as a finalist at the Near Nazareth Festival (NNF) held from 3-6 June 2019 in Afula, Israel;

WHEREAS, solidifying its excellence as a film feature, Quezon’s Game was accepted in 2019 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences as an entry to the 91st Academy Awards, popularly known as the Oscar Awards, in the Best Feature Film Category, and in the Best Original Song Category for “Quezon’s Theme”;

WHEREAS, the special screening of the film during the Cinematheque Israel in Tel Aviv, Israel on 27 October 2019 initiated by the Philippine Ambassador to Israel, Nathaniel
Imperial, served to rekindle the ties and long-standing friendship between the Filipinos and the people of Israel, and the shared history of the two countries: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To commend the producers, writers, directors, actors, and film technicians behind the creation, development, and production of the film Quezon's Game for garnering awards and recognition in several international film festivals; to recognize the valuable contribution of the film to enrich our Philippine history; and to remind the Filipino people of our long-standing friendship with the people of Israel.

Resolved, finally, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving, and the persons mentioned in this Resolution.

Adopted,

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LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on May 25, 2021.

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Secretary General