Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Second Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. __


A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING MR. LAURENTE INDICO "LAV" DIAZ, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, SCREENPLAY WRITER, AND EDITOR OF "LAHI, HAYOP (GENUS PAN)" FOR WINNING THEORIZZONTI AWARD FOR BEST DIRECTOR AT THE 77TH VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, in the early hours of September 13, 2020, Manila Time, in the northeast Italian city of Venice, Mr. Lav Diaz virtually received the Orizzonti Award for Best Director at the 77th Venice International Film Festival, emerging victorious from a class of 19 feature films and 12 short films;

WHEREAS, the Venice International Film Festival, founded in 1932, is the oldest film festival in the world, is dubbed as the "Olympics of Cinema," and is considered as one of the three most prestigious award-giving bodies in the cinematographic arts, alongside only the Berlin International Film Festival in Germany and the Cannes Film Festival in France;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lav Diaz has developed a prominence in the international film scene for his distinct economic approach to filmmaking, always working with a "lean but
"mean" number of crew members and actors, and has now been renowned globally for his one-frame-long-take method of shooting, constant script revisions to conform to new threads and discoveries that emerge on set, and attempts to depict an objective reality in the art form of filmmaking, belonging to a school of thought and practice simplistically called "slow cinema";

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lav Diaz, the emancipated filmmaker, has once again showcased on the world stage a valid perspective of Filipino history, using an execution that is uniquely his, employing an enviable freedom to create and freedom from the demands of market considerations, and has received utmost recognition therefor;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lav Diaz traces his roots to a childhood immersed in rural Mindanao, around parents whose works included the education of indigenous peoples, where he presumably developed his deep sense of nationalism and surprisingly encountered his first glimpse of cinema;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lav Diaz has once again pushed culture forward whilst remaining deeply rooted in the country’s past and present challenges;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lav Diaz’ victory sheds light on the ability of the Filipino artist to contribute to the nation’s ever-evolving history, culture, and identity or identities, especially during a time when survival instincts are made to prevail over human sensibilities, similar to Diaz’ depiction of man in “Lahi, Hayop (Genus, Pan)”;

**WHEREAS**, this feat brings to light the need for this House of Representatives not only to nominally recognize but also to meaningfully support and incentivize Filipino filmmakers with the end of inspiring more similarly created works of art;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Lav Diaz for winning the Orizzonti Award for Best Director for the film, “Lahi, Hayop (Genus Pan)” in the 77th Venice International Film Festival, contributing to the Third Golden Age of Philippine Cinema and amplifying the call for more meaningful ways of supporting Filipino Arts and Culture;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that an appropriate copy of these resolutions be given to Mr. Lav Diaz and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

ADOPTED,
HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA

HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN

HON. LOREN E. LEGARDA

HON. VILMA SANTOS-RECTO

HON. LORENZ R. DEFENSOR

HON. SOL ARAGONES

HON. STRIKE B. REVILLA

HON. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA

HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ

HON. JUAN MIGUEL MACAPAGAL ARROYO

HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA

HON. FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ

HON. CRISTAL L. BAGATSING

HON. DAN S. FERNANDEZ

HON. EVELINA G. ESCUDERO

HON. ROSE MARIE "BABY" J. ARENAS

HON. JOEY SARTIE SALCEDA

HON. SHAREE ANN T. TAN

HON. GERALDINE B. ROMAN

HON. WESLIE GATCHALIAN

HON. SHARON S. GARIN

HON. DEOGRAFIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO