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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 279

Introduced by Representative Dan S. Fernandez

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PHILIPPINE CINEMA IN CELEBRATION OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CONTINUOUSLY PROVIDING MEANINGFUL, EDUCATIONAL, AMUSING AND ENTERTAINING WORKS OF ART WHICH REMAIN TO BE THE HALLMARKS OF THE LOCAL FILM INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Section 15, Article XIV of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states:

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 cinematic arts form is an indispensable part of our cultural treasure as a nation;

WHEREAS, for almost one hundred years, the movies have become an integral part of Filipino lives, both as accessible source of entertainment and education as well as a form of creative expression and mirror of aspirations;

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2018, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte issued Proclamation No. 622 declaring 12 September 2019 to 11 September 2020 as the “Centennial Year of Philippine Cinema”;

WHEREAS, Jose Nepomuceno was the first Filipino to put up a Filipino-owned movie company, Malayan Movies, while his film, “*Dalagang Bukid*,” starring Honorata “*Atang*” de la Rama and Marceliano Ilagan, was the first Filipino-made and directed film shown on September 12, 1919 at the Teatro de la Comedia;

WHEREAS, through the years, the country has produced thousands of educational, amusing and entertaining works of art in the form of cinematic films, developing a multi-billion peso industry that employs thousands of workers;

WHEREAS, Filipino films have become a forum and instrument for discussion of historical and contemporary issues, shaping in the process the Filipino identity and culture, including the dissemination of our national language: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To commend the men and women of the Philippine cinema in celebration of one hundred years of continuously providing meaningful, educational, amusing and entertaining works of art which remain to be the hallmarks of the local film industry;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished the Film Development Council of the Philippines, the National Commission for

Culture and the Arts, other government agencies tasked to promote cinematic films and film industry organizations or associations venturing in the distribution, production and promotion of Filipino films;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the Film Development Council of the Philippines, in coordination with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, shall facilitate the effective information dissemination of this Resolution.

Adopted,



DAN S. FERNANDEZ