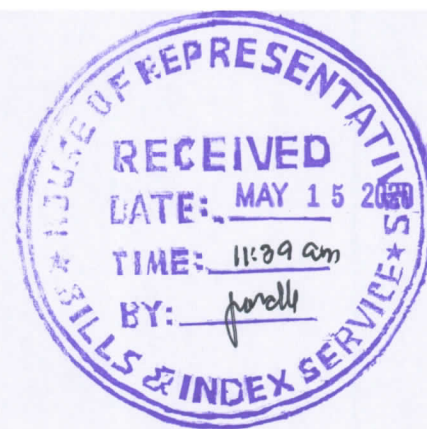


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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF VETERAN FILMMAKER AND PHILIPPINE FILM INDUSTRY ICON MAURICE RUIZ DE LUZURIAGA GALLAGA, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PEQUE GALLAGA AND HONORING HIS LEGACY

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the 1987 Constitution states that arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State and that the State shall conserve, promote, and popularize the nation's historical and cultural heritage and resources, as well as artistic creations;

WHEREAS, Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga, a Bacolodnon film director popularly known as Peque Gallaga, passed away at age 76 on 7 May 2020 due to pneumonia;

WHEREAS, Peque Gallaga, who was born on 25 August 1943 in Bacolod, has honored and enriched the culture and arts of the Philippines through his works as multi-award winning scriptwriter, actor, and filmmaker and theater and film professor, production designer, and visual artist spanning five decades;

WHEREAS, Peque Gallaga is revered as a tenet of the Philippine film industry with his stimulating and profound works of entertainment, political satire, social critique, and quixotism;

WHEREAS, Peque Gallaga used film early in his career to inspire viewers through his original and daring takes on realism and mystique of Philippine society, manifested in some of his works such as the instant classic *Oro Plata Mata* which explored war and class struggle, in *Scorpio Nights* which offered a controversial perspective on romance and problematic regime, and in *Magic Temple*, *Tiyanak*, *Aswang*, *Hiwaga sa Balete Drive*, and the *Shake Rattle & Roll series* which explored Filipino adventure-fantasy, folklore, and horror, inspiring a cultural trend in Philippine film;

WHEREAS, Peque Gallaga is an internationally acclaimed filmmaker as well having been recognized at the International Film Festival of Flanders-Ghent in Belgium and the Chicago International Film Festival, along with the local awards he received such as the Special Jury Award at the Manila International Film Festival, the Lifetime Achievement Award from Gawad Urian Awards, Gawad CCP Para sa Sining, the Manuel De Leon Award from the Film Academy of the Philippines, and numerous other distinctions and nominations from the Cinema One Originals Digital Film Festival, Metro Manila Film Festival, and the Star Awards for Movies;

WHEREAS, his unparalleled career as one of the country's most versatile, gifted, hardworking, bold, and multi-awarded filmmakers will continue to contribute to the national film culture and influence generations of actors and filmmakers to come;

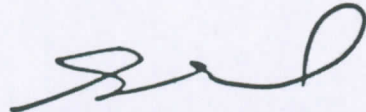
WHEREAS, his passing is a great loss not only to his bereaved family and the film industry but to the entire Filipino nation as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, as follows:

- (1) That the collective sympathy and condolences of the members of the House of Representatives be extended to the bereaved family of the late Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga
- (2) That in recognition of Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga's enormous and unequalled contributions to Philippine arts, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) are hereby respectfully urged to recommend to His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, that Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga be bestowed posthumously the "Orden ng Pambansang Alagad ng Sining" or "Order of National Artist", the highest national recognition given to a Filipino individual who had made significant contributions to the development of the Philippine arts, more particularly, under the category of Film and Broadcasting/Broadcast Arts. Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga has greatly contributed in building a Filipino sense of nationhood through his works; he has distinguished himself by pioneering in a mode of creative expression or style, leaving an influence on succeeding generations of artists; he has consistently displayed excellence in the practice of his art form, therefore enriching the arts as evident in prestigious national and international recognition, awards, and critical acclaim and esteem from his peers within his discipline.
- (3) That as a consequence of such award, Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga be posthumously conferred the rank and title of National Artist, as proclaimed by His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte; be granted the Insignia of National Artist and a citation and; be awarded through his heirs and assigns, such emolument and material and physical benefits comparable in value to those received by the highest officers of the land.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to the family of the late Maurice Ruiz de Luzuriaga Gallaga and submitted to the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP), the National Commission for Culture and Arts (NCCA) and His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte.

Adopted,


REP. GREG G. GASATAYA
Lone District of Bacolod City