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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 362**



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**Introduced by Hon. Christopher P. de Venecia**

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**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING LAV DIAZ, THE DIRECTOR, SCREENWRITER, CINEMATOGRAPHER AND EDITOR OF THE MOVIE “ANG BABAENG HUMAYO”, AS WELL AS THE ACTORS AND PRODUCERS THEREOF, FOR WINNING THE GOLDEN LION FOR BEST FILM AWARD IN THE 73<sup>rd</sup> VENICE INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

*WHEREAS*, “Ang Babaeng Humayo” (“*The Woman Who Left*”), a Filipino opus about revenge and forgiveness, made history as the first cinematic work from the Philippines to win the Golden Lion for Best Film, the top prize in the 2016 73<sup>rd</sup> Venice International Film Festival which ran in Lido, Venice, Italy from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The film’s triumph is particularly meaningful, given the fact that the Venice International Film Festival is the world’s oldest international film festival founded in 1932 and considered as among the most prestigious;

*WHEREAS*, the film “Ang Babaeng Humayo” was likewise recognized as the Best Foreign Language Film at the Sorriso Diverso Venezia 2016 Awards, a series of awards handed out before the festival’s major honors;

*WHEREAS*, the House of Representatives applauds auteur Lav Diaz, for his genius and keen comprehension of his tasks as director, screenwriter, cinematographer and editor of “Ang Babaeng Humayo”, all the actors of the movie, specially Charo Santos whose performance received praise internationally, and Cinema One Originals and Sine Olivia Pilipinas, producers thereof, for making the movie, based principally on its cinematic truth and artistic strength;

*WHEREAS*, this historic recognition has increased the world’s awareness of the excellence of Filipino films and artists and serves as a timely inspiration to all Filipinos, especially those in the Philippine movie industry;

*WHEREAS*, it is important to recognize and acknowledge award-winning Filipino films to encourage local filmmakers to create high quality movies showcasing Filipino artistry, especially in light of the recent vibrancy of Philippine cinema, which film scholars and critics hail as the Third Golden Age of Philippine Cinema;


**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to acknowledge and applaud the movie “Ang Babaeng Humayo”, its director Lav Diaz, its actors and producers for winning the Golden Lion for Best Film Award in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Venice International Film Festival, contributing to the Third Golden Age

of Philippine Cinema and inspiring all filmmakers to achieve greater heights and making all Filipinos proud;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, for and in consideration of the foregoing factual milieu, the members of the House of Representatives hereby resolve to confer the Congressional Medal of Achievement to Mr. Lav Diaz for his outstanding achievement and contribution to Philippine Cinema;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that an appropriate copy of this resolution 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,

  
**CHRISTOPHER P. DE VENECIA**  
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