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Begun and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-seventh day of July, two thousand twenty.

RESOLUTION NO. 87

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MARIA AZUCENA VERA-PEREZ MACEDA, MORE FONDLY KNOWN AS "MANAY ICHU," A PILLAR AND VANGUARD OF THE PHILIPPINE MOVIE INDUSTRY

WHEREAS, Maria Azucena Vera-Perez Maceda, affectionately known in the Filipino film industry as "Manay Ichu," matriarch of the Philippine film industry, passed away on September 7, 2020 at the age of 77;

WHEREAS, Manay Ichu, who was born to the Vera-Perez family that pioneered moviemaking in the Philippines by establishing Sampaguita Pictures in 1937, became the producer of critically acclaimed cinema as well as commercial

blockbusters, including “Batch ‘81” (1981), “Dyesebel” (1978), “Always In My Heart” (1971), and “Umibig Ay Di Biro” (1964);

WHEREAS, Manay Ichu stood as a pillar of Philippine cinema and oversaw its development and evolution throughout two of its acknowledged Golden Ages, founding and sustaining both nongovernment organizations and government agencies for the development of Filipino filmmaking as well as to address the concerns of movie workers, such as: the Movie Workers Welfare Foundation (MOWELFUND), the Metro Manila Film Festival (MMFF), the Film Academy of the Philippines (FAP), the Philippine Motion Picture Producers Association (PMPPA), the Experimental Cinema of the Philippines (ECP), and the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP);

WHEREAS, Manay Ichu was honored by MOWELFUND on its 44th anniversary for her lifetime service to the film industry’s underprivileged and underserved movie workers through health, welfare, and subsidized education programs. She was also recognized by Luna Awards, FAP’s award-giving body for her outstanding contribution in the film industry, and was given the Fernando Poe Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, Manay Ichu’s love and hard work for the film industry have earned her the FDCP’s recognition as one of the grand matriarchs of Philippine movies;

WHEREAS, Manay Ichu is the loving wife of Senate President Ernesto “Ernie” Madarang Maceda and is survived by her five sons Emmanuel, Ernesto Jr., Erwin, Edmond, and Edward Maceda: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences to the family of Maria Azucena “Manay Ichu” Vera-Perez Maceda, whose tireless work, grand vision, and concern for the Philippine film industry, particularly all those who work in it, has made it into the vital industry and sector it is today.


Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished the bereaved family of the late Maria Azucena "Manay Ichu" Vera-Perez Maceda.

Adopted,



ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on September 15, 2020.


JOSE LUIS G. MONTALES
Secretary General

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