

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



EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2400

Introduced by Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco, Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Hon. Jericho Jonas B. Nograles, Hon. Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Joy Myra S. Tambunting, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Evelina G. Escudero, Hon. Deogracias Victor "DV" B. Savellano, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Ma. Lourdes T. Arroyo, Hon. Marlyn "Len" B. Alonte, Hon. Vilma Santos-Recto, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Alfred D. Vargas, Hon. Aloy Lim, Hon. Jose Christopher Y. Belmonte, Hon. Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Hon. Rose Marie "Baby" J. Arenas, Hon. Luisa Lloren Cuaresma, Hon. Sandra Y. Eriguel, M.D., Hon. Florida "Rida" P. Robes, Hon. Rosanna "Ria" V. Vergara, Hon. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo, Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia, Hon. Vincent Franco 'Duke' D. Frasco, Hon. Loren Legarda, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Jesus "Bong" C. Suntay, Hon. Dan S. Fernandez, Hon. Joey Sarte Salceda, Hon. John Marvin "Yul Servo" C. Nieto

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING VISUAL ARTIST
MICHAEL GARCIA VILLAGANTE FOR WINNING THE "LORENZO IL
MAGNIFICO" AWARD OR THE HIGHEST AWARD FOR HIS ARTWORK "ANG
PAGTAHAN" AT THE XIII FLORENCE BIENNALE 2021**

WHEREAS, Filipino visual artist Michael Garcia Villagante won the "Lorenzo Il Magnifico" award for his artwork "*Ang Pagtahan*" in the Florence Biennale 2021 which was inspired by his wife and child;

WHEREAS, the Florence Biennale was founded by Pasuale and Piero Celona with a committee of artists, curator and art critics. It was conceived as a summoning of artists from around the world called to participate in the International Contemporary Art Exhibition in Florence. The founders proposed a model for biennale in which emerging talents and established artists as well could show their works within a free and independent context;

WHEREAS, Mr. Villagante was invited to join the Florence Biennale 2021 which took place last October 23-31 at Fortezza da Basso in Florence where around 1,000 artworks were submitted by almost 400 artists from 65 different countries;

WHEREAS, the theme of the XIII edition of the Florence Biennale focused on the polychrome and multiform universe of femininity, which will be investigated in its many facets with major guidelines¹;

WHEREAS, Mr. Villagante’s artwork “*Ang Pagtahan*” features the ceasing of crying when a mother holds a baby while on the lower part shows five men, which represents the five continents and the heart above them represents the country²;

WHEREAS, this triumph increases the world’s awareness of the talents of Filipino artists and serves as an inspiration through the symbolism in his artwork especially in this time of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and acknowledge award-winning Filipino artists to empower other artists to pursue their mastery in their craft, and encourage them to go beyond their boundaries by joining international competitions which the National Commission for Culture and the Arts is very much supportive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that taking into consideration the above-mentioned premises, we, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives hereby RESOLVE to congratulate and commend visual artist Michael Garcia Villagante for winning the grand prize for his artwork “*Ang Pagtahan*” in the XIII Florence Biennale 2021 held in Florence last October 23-31, 2021;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be given to Mr. Michael Garcia Villagante and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,



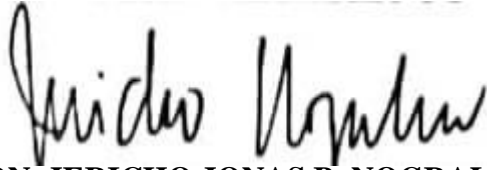
HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO



**HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE
VENECIA**

¹ <https://www.florencebiennale.org/en/theme>

² <https://news.abs-cbn.com/video/life/11/07/21/filipino-wins-grand-prize-in-florence-biennale-2021>



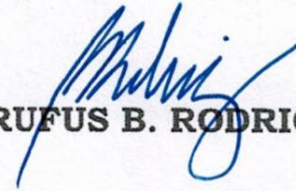
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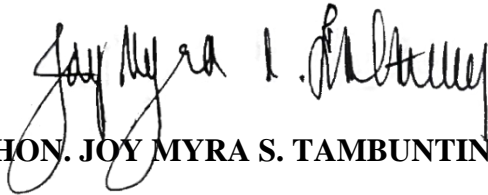
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HON. VILMA SANTOS-RECTO



HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO



HON. ALFRED D. VARGAS



HON. ALOY LIM



HON. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y.
BELMONTE



HON. FRANCISCO "KIKO" B.
BENITEZ



HON. ROSE MARIE "BABY" J.
ARENAS



HON. LUISA LOREN CUARESMA



HON. SANDRA Y. ERIGUEL, M.D.



HON. FLORIDA "RIDA" P. ROBES



HON. ROSANNA "RIA" V. VERGARA



HON. ANTHONY PETER "ONYX" D.
CRISOLOGO



HON. LIANDA B. BOLILIA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duke Frasco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "F".

HON. VINCENT FRANCO 'DUKE' D.
FRASCO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Loren Legarda". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "L" and "L".

HON. LOREN LEGARDA

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HON. MARK O. GO

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HON. JESUS "BONG" C. SUNTAY

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HON. DAN S. FERNANDEZ

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HON. JOEY SARTE SALCEDA

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HON. JOHN MARVIN "YUL SERVO" C.
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