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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 114



Introduced by Hon. Christopher “Toff” V.P. de Venecia

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF MR. JUSTIN “TINY” NUYDA

WHEREAS, Mr. Justin “Tiny” Nuyda passed away on June 27, 2022 at the age of 78;

WHEREAS, Mr. Nuyda, a Filipino visual artist, was a pillar of Filipino modern art and a co-founder of the legendary Saturday Group through which he enjoyed many years of friendship and camaraderie with other local art and literary greats, many of whom were National Artists such as HR Ocampo, Cesar Legaspi, Vicente Manansala, Ang Kiukok, Jose Joya, and Benedicto “BenCab” Cabrera;¹

WHEREAS, Mr. Nuyda was born in 1944. His prolific career in the arts started at the University of the Santo Tomas College of Fine Arts. From there, he launched numerous exhibitions centering on abstractions. Among his well-known creations is his “*Mindscape*” series, depicting on the canvas the “*landscapes of the mind.*” His aurora-like images and art with celestial moods were seen in numerous showcases including “*Masters of Modernism Series: Justin Nuyda (Mindscapes)*” and “*Search Mindscapes: Justin Nuyda and Eduardo Castrillo,*” among others;²

WHEREAS, like many of Mr. Nuyda’s contemporaries, his art was greatly influenced by nature. This was natural to him being one of the country’s top lepidopterists. His passion for the winged creatures started when he was young, collecting butterflies at the age of seven. This passion for jeweled insects and the terrain they thrive in has served as a major inspiration for his works over the past fifty years. The colors of the butterflies have had a great influence on the artist’s work.;³

WHEREAS, in 1957, Mr. Nuyda trained under Colin Threadway, former head of Procter & Gamble, in identifying butterflies and moths, according to a post by Leon Gallery. With his knowledge, he then toured the Philippines searching for both indigenous and brand new species.

¹ <https://www.tatlerasia.com/the-scene/people-parties/eye-of-the-storm-tiny-nuyda-on-art>

² *Ibid.*

³ <https://mb.com.ph/2022/06/28/remembering-justin-tiny-nuydas-legacy-in-philippine-art/>

In 1975, a new species of butterfly was discovered in Mt. Kitanlad in Bukidnon and was named after him;⁴

WHEREAS, in 1966, Mr. Nuyda was one of the first batch of Thirteen Artists awardees — a distinguished list of who’s who on the art scene that included Danilo Dalena, Angelito Antonio, Mario Parial and Romulo Olazo;⁵

WHEREAS, in 1968, Mr. Nuyda's first exhibition was held at Solidaridad Galleries. He was already doing his Search Mindscapes theme. In fact, this is where he met National Artist Benedicto “BenCab” Cabrera who lent him an easel when he was installing;⁶

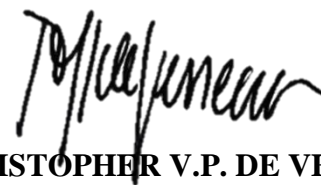
WHEREAS, Mr. Nuyda has been painting for nearly five decades. His works—and many have been hard-pressed to pinpoint exactly what kind of art he creates and which discipline he subscribes to—have a cerebral quality to them. With a combination of lengthy lively brush strokes and striking colors, the landscapes he commits to his canvases are gateways to how he sees the world;⁷

WHEREAS, on his 75th birthday, his daughter Ms. Ayni Nuyda created the Search Mindscape Foundation which is a non-profit organization that aims to create avenues where artists can interact, collaborate, and engage in the Philippine art community;⁸

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathy, and sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Justin “Tiny” Nuyda, an abstract painter and often referred to as one of the pillars of Philippine Modern Art and a witness to the true testament to creativity and passion to the visual arts community;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the bereaved family of the late Mr. Justin “Tiny” Nuyda.

Adopted,



HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA

⁴ <https://mb.com.ph/2022/06/28/remembering-justin-tiny-nuydas-legacy-in-philippine-art/>

⁵ <https://www.kl-lifestyle.com.my/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Justin-Nuyda.pdf>

⁶ *Ibid.*

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*