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RESOLUTION NO. 42

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
MS. GINA APOSTOL FOR WINNING THE 2022 ROME
PRIZE IN LITERATURE AWARDED BY THE AMERICAN
ACADEMY IN ROME, ITALY FOR HER NOVEL,
ENTITLED "THE TREATMENT OF PAZ"

WHEREAS, Ms. Gina Apostol, a Philippine-born writer and United States of America (U.S.A.)-based novelist, won the prestigious 2022 Rome Prize in Literature awarded by the American Academy in Rome, Italy for a novel she wrote entitled, "The Treatment of Paz";

WHEREAS, the Rome Prize winners are selected annually by independent juries of distinguished artists and scholars through a national competition, which last year received 909 applications representing 47 American states and territories, and 19 other countries;

WHEREAS, previous winners of the Rome Prize included Ralph Ellison, Anthony Doerr, Alexandra Kleeman, Robert Penn Warren, and Filipino-American writers Lysley Tenorio and Jessica Hagedorn;

WHEREAS, the American Academy in Rome, Italy is considered as the U.S.A.'s oldest overseas center for independent studies in advanced research in the arts and humanities;

WHEREAS, each Rome Prize winner is entitled to receive a stipend, workspace, and room and board at the Academy's eleven-acre campus on the Janiculum Hill in Rome, Italy starting September 2022;

WHEREAS, this year's winners were among the most diverse in the Academy's history, with approximately 46% of them identified as persons of color, and 24% born outside the United States;

WHEREAS, according to Ms. Gina Apostol, "The Treatment of Paz", set in the 1880s and 1890s, is about Paz Pardo de Tavera, the wife of Filipino painter and patriot Juan Luna, who was murdered by her husband in Paris, France in 1892, and looks at the Filipino revolution from the point of view of women, "how women are perceived, treated and understood, and interrogates class, race, and gender in revolutionary times";

WHEREAS, Ms. Apostol, who grew up in Tacloban City, Leyte, and currently lives in New York City and Western Massachusetts, teaches at the Fieldston School in New York City, U.S.A.;

WHEREAS, Ms. Apostol graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of the Philippines and completed her Master's degree in Creative Writing at the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.;

WHEREAS, among the novels she wrote were the "Bibliolepsy", "Insurrecto", "The Revolution According to Raymundo Mata" and the "La Tercera";

WHEREAS, Ms. Apostol's U.S.A. debut novel "Gun Dealers' Daughter" was published by W.W. Norton & Co., and received the prestigious 2013 PEN Open Book Award;

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize Ms. Apostol's success to encourage talented and successful local writers, authors and novelists to bring Filipino literature to the global stage and inspire the Filipino publishing industry stakeholders to grow and evolve into a robust and inclusive industry that truly reflects the diversity in Philippine society, the richness of Filipino history and culture, and the excellence and professionalism of Filipino creatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate and commend Ms. Gina Apostol for winning the 2022 Rome Prize in Literature awarded by the American Academy in Rome, Italy for her novel, entitled "The Treatment of Paz".

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished Ms. Gina Apostol and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

Adopted,


 FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 25, 2023.


 REGINALD S. VELASCO
Secretary General