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RESOLUTION NO. 195

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ARCHITECT JORGE YULO, ICONIC AWARDEE FOR INNOVATIVE ARCHITECTURE FOR THE DESIGN OF THE EQUILATERAL HOUSE IN MAKATI CITY, AND ARCHITECT WILLIAM TI, ICONIC AWARDEE BEST OF THE BEST IN MASTERPLANNING FOR THE “BATANGAS FOREST CITY”, BOTH DURING THE GERMAN DESIGN COUNCIL’S ICONIC AWARDS ON OCTOBER 5, 2022 AT THE BMW WELT MUSEUM IN MUNICH, GERMANY, AND THE EIGHT (8) FILIPINO ARCHITECTURE FIRMS SHORTLISTED AS FINALISTS AT THE WORLD ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL 2022 HELD FROM NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 3, 2022, IN LISBON, PORTUGAL

WHEREAS, the German Design Council’s “ICONIC AWARDS: Innovative Architecture” is an international architecture and design competition, which promotes holistic projects in the fields of architecture, interior architecture, product design, and brand communication;

WHEREAS, the ICONIC AWARDS held on October 5, 2022 at the BMW Welt Museum in Munich, Germany, witnessed two (2) Filipino architects winning major awards:

- Architect Jorge Yulo, who won the Iconic Award for Innovative Architecture for his design of the “Equilateral House”, a masterpiece of reused materials and positive-negative juxtapositions and designed to weather the country’s tropical climate, beautifully executed with exemplary craftsmanship; and

- Architect William Ti, principal architect and founder of WTA Architecture and Design Studio, who won the Iconic Award for Best of the Best in Masterplanning for the “Masterplan of Batangas Forest City”, for embodying the vision of modern urban planning, which reconciles residential space and nature, and, as a result, creates a location that promises a high standard of living;

WHEREAS, during the annual World Architecture Festival (WAF), the largest and one of the most prestigious architectural gatherings in the world, held in Lisbon, Portugal, from November 30, 2022 to December 3, 2022, the following eight (8) Filipino architecture firms were shortlisted for ten (10) projects against four hundred eighty-five (485) finalists from over sixty (60) countries in their respective categories and for the plum prizes of World Building of the Year and Future Project of the Year:

- BAAD Studio, already a winner of the Civic and Community Category and highly commended for Future Project of the Year in WAF 2017, was shortlisted in the Completed Building, House and Villa, Rural and Coastal Category for principal architects Benjamin Mendoza and An Bermejo for “The Farmhouse” in Cavite, for remarkable sensitivity to context and community, elegant simplicity, and sustainable design and thoughtful planning that enabled the construction of the main house in seven (7) days; and was also shortlisted in the Future Project, Civic and Community Category for “Pilgrim Shelter”, which is being constructed atop Tumandok Hill in Roxas City, Capiz, an all-concrete structure inspired by the *bahay kubo*, and was designed with the community,

featuring a unique, graceful roof designed to collect rainwater into underground cisterns, perform aerodynamically, and withstand harsh typhoons. It is an innovative modular design for ease of construction;

- Architect Neil Bersabe's BERSABARC Design Studio was shortlisted under the Future Project, Competition Category for "Hexarion", which utilized computational design and modular technology to create a self-sustaining future Martian colony, a project that is both speculative and predetermined, as its growth was dictated by programming and listening tools that determine when the growing population requires more space and facilities, which may be appended to the starter colony's structures;

- Architect Royal Pineda's BUDJI+ROYAL Architecture+Design, highly commended in the Sport Category in 2022, was shortlisted under the Completed Building, House and Villa, Urban and Suburban Category, for the "Pandemic House", a compact multi-generational home in Cainta designed for the tropics and to harness nature's healing resources to promote a healthy living environment, a structure prepared for quarantine, if necessary, while making homecare as convenient as possible;

- Architect Dryan Suiza Tria's DST Design+Build was shortlisted for "The Tree House Project" under the Future Project, House Category, a home intended for several families of the 'Trias family tree', which was inspired by the evergreen ash trees of San Mateo, Rizal, where it is being constructed, and was designed to stand lightly on the ground without cutting down a single tree on the property and to impact the environment in the gentlest possible way;

- Jorge Yulo Architects and Associates was shortlisted for the "Equilateral House" under the Completed Building, House and Villa, Urban and Suburban Category, and was cited for being timeless and poetic, a home that invites contemplation and reverence;

- Architects Yonni Habúlan and Maricris Ngo's HANDS Design Studio was shortlisted under the Completed Building, Hotel

and Leisure Category for Casa Tropica, a hot spring resort villa development in Mt. Makiling, and was cited for its “contextually responsive architecture, with climate-sensitive spaces that are authentically Filipino,” molded by “careful space planning and raw material explorations”;

- Architect Daryl Referzo’s Studio Fuerzo was shortlisted under the Completed Building, New and Old Category for the “New Provincialate House”, an expansion and renovation of the decaying 70-year-old headquarters of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in New Manila, and was cited for creating remarkable moments of serendipity, honoring the character of the original mid-century Mission Revival-style house, retaining as much of the old structure as possible, and imbued with symbols and motifs requested by the congregation into the new architecture;

- William Ti’s WTA Architecture and Design Studio, 2022 winner of WAFX Project of the Year, was shortlisted under the Future Project, Competition Category for the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* Security Plant Complex, which boasts of a living facade that hosts two hundred fifty (250) endemic Philippine trees, an exposition of tropical plants to shield the building from direct sun and absorb over seventy (70) tons of carbon emissions each year; a roof covered with solar panels; a rainwater catchment system that naturally irrigates the living facade; and a moat that is not only a security feature but also the repository of the catchment system’s seventy (70) million liters of water collected each year; and was also shortlisted under the Future Project, Masterplanning Category for Batangas Forest City, which was cited as a planned incredible natural setting that highlights and celebrates the majesty and unique diversity of Mount Banoy and Calumpang River, enriching the live-work-play triad of urban communities by allowing nature to be fully integrated and becoming a regular part of every Batangueño’s life;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes the role of architecture in nation-building and development, uplifting humanity and civil society, and improving productivity while minimizing the negative impacts of buildings and structures on the environment and natural resources;

WHEREAS, the achievements of our architects and architecture firms in the global arena inspire more members of the design profession to pursue excellence, innovate, boldly represent the country, and share their learnings with our countrymen to advance the Philippines' global competitiveness: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To congratulate Architect Jorge Yulo, Iconic Awardee for Innovative Architecture for the design of the Equilateral House in Makati City, and Architect William Ti, Iconic Awardee Best of the Best in Masterplanning for the "Batangas Forest City", both during the German Design Council's Iconic Awards on October 5, 2022 at the BMW Welt Museum in Munich, Germany, and the eight (8) Filipino architecture firms shortlisted as finalists at the World Architecture Festival 2022 held from November 30 to December 3, 2022, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Resolved, further, That a copy of this Resolution be furnished each of the architects and architecture firms and the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,


 FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on February 5, 2024.


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Secretary General