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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2175**



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**Introduced by Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia**

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**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF RENOWNED THEATER DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER BOBBY GARCIA, AND RECOGNIZING HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PHILIPPINE AND INTERNATIONAL THEATER INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives deeply mourns the untimely passing of Bobby Garcia, an esteemed theater director and producer, who passed away on December 17, 2024, in Vancouver, Canada, at the age of 55;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia was a visionary force in the world of theater, founding Atlantis Productions (later Atlantis Theatrical Group of Companies) in 1999, and helming over 50 acclaimed productions across Canada, the United States, and the Asian region, including the Philippines, Singapore, China, and Hong Kong, among others;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia's unparalleled talent and creative leadership were exemplified by his direction and production of celebrated musicals and plays such as Sweeney Todd, The Carole King Musical, In the Heights, Waitress, Kinky Boots, Angels in America, and the Tony Award-nominated Here Lies Love, which earned four nominations in 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia's innovative contributions to the local and international theater scenes earned him numerous accolades, including three Aliw Awards for Direction and his induction into the Aliw Awards Hall of Fame;

**WHEREAS**, his role as Associate Director for the iconic musical Miss Saigon from 2000 to 2001 and his collaborations with international casting entities such as Cameron Mackintosh Ltd., the National Theatre of London, and Disney Theatrical International underscored his global influence and elevated Filipino talent on the world stage;

**WHEREAS**, Bobby Garcia was instrumental in introducing groundbreaking productions to the Philippines, including the country's first staging of Rent in the 1990s, and consistently championed

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rappler.com/life-and-style/arts-culture/theater-director-producer-bobby-garcia-dies/>

excellence in theater through his direction of both musicals and straight plays, making a lasting impact on Filipino and international audiences;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia's recent works, including Request sa Radyo, starring Dolly de Leon and Lea Salonga, received critical acclaim, demonstrating his enduring commitment to artistic innovation and storytelling;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia's profound influence extended beyond the stage, inspiring countless artists and performers, including singer-actress Vina Morales, who credited him with fulfilling her dream of performing on Broadway;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia was not only a brilliant artist but also a beloved mentor and friend to many, embodying a legacy of creativity, passion, and dedication to the performing arts;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives, to express its profound condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Bobby Garcia and to honor his outstanding contributions to the Philippine and international theater industries;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to Bobby Garcia's bereaved family and the Atlantis Theatrical Group of Companies as a testament to his remarkable achievements and enduring legacy.

*Adopted,*

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