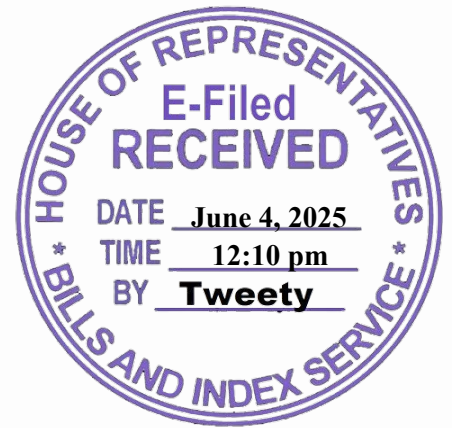


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RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING FILIPINA-AMERICAN COMPOSER AND PERCUSSIONIST SUSIE IBARRA FOR WINNING THE 2025 PULITZER PRIZE FOR MUSIC FOR HER COMPOSITION "SKY ISLANDS," MAKING HER THE FIRST FILIPINA AMERICAN TO RECEIVE THE AWARD

WHEREAS, Filipina-American composer and percussionist Susie Ibarra was awarded the prestigious 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Music for her composition "*Sky Islands*", becoming the first Filipina American to receive this distinguished honor¹;

Whereas, "*Sky Islands*" is a deeply evocative musical work inspired by the rich biodiversity of the Philippine mountain rainforests in Luzon and Filipino cultural heritage. The piece integrates kulintang rhythms, bamboo percussion, and contemporary classical forms to create an immersive sonic landscape that highlights the urgency of environmental and cultural preservation²;

WHEREAS, the piece premiered at the Asia Society in New York on July 18, 2024, and was commissioned by the Asia Society with support from the Fromm Music Foundation at Harvard University, the New York State Council on the Arts, and NYFA Anonymous Was A Woman

¹ *Fil-Am Composer Susie Ibarra Wins 2025 Pulitzer Prize For Music*, Billboard Philippines.

<https://billboardphilippines.com/culture/lifestyle/fil-am-composer-susie-ibarra-wins-2025-pulitzer-prize-for-music/>

² *Fil-Am Composer Susie Ibarra Wins Pulitzer Prize for Music*, ABS-CBN News. <https://www.abs-cbn.com/lifestyle/2025/5/19/fil-am-composer-susie-ibarra-wins-pulitzer-prize-for-music-1634>

Environmental Artists Grants. The performance featured an eight-piece ensemble, including Filipino percussionists and the Bergamot Quartet³;

WHEREAS, the Pulitzer jury praised *Sky Islands* as a composition that “challenges the notion of the compositional voice” and recognized its innovative fusion of indigenous musical traditions and modern improvisational artistry, underscoring the growing visibility and excellence of Filipino voices in global classical music⁴;

WHEREAS, born in Anaheim, California to Filipino parents and raised in Houston, Texas, Ms. Ibarra has long drawn from her Filipino roots, integrating indigenous music, jazz, classical, and electronic influences throughout her decades-long career. She was earlier recognized as one of SPIN magazine’s 100 Greatest Drummers of Alternative Music in 2013⁵;

WHEREAS, Ms. Ibarra’s historic win not only cements her legacy as a pioneering composer and cultural worker, but also serves as a source of pride and inspiration for the Filipino and Filipino-American creative communities across the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives congratulates Ms. Susie Ibarra for her exemplary achievement in winning the 2025 Pulitzer Prize for Music, and for elevating Philippine culture, identity, and environmental consciousness through her artistry.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Ms. Susie Ibarra as a token of the highest esteem and admiration of the House of Representatives and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,

³ *Ibid.*

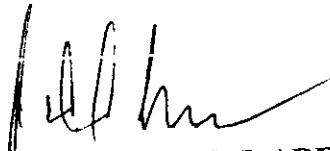
⁴ *Ibid.*

⁵ *Ibid.*

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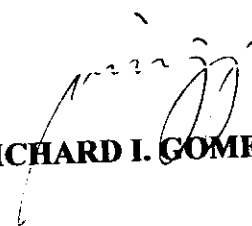

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