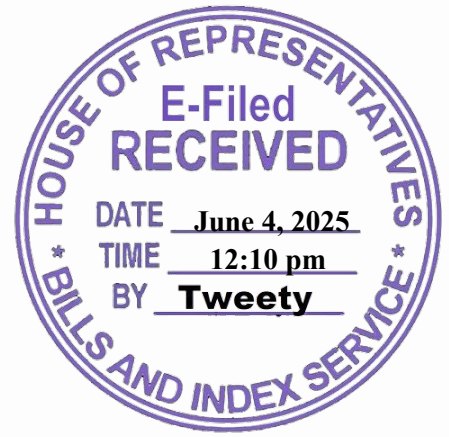


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

NINETEENTH CONGRESS
Third Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2315



Introduced by Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Hon. Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, Hon. Christopher V.P. de Venecia, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Ramon Jolo B. Revilla III, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Bryan B. Revilla, Hon. Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Jefferson F. Khonghun, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Jose Arturo S. Garcia Jr., Hon. Marlyn "Len" B. Alonte, Hon. Maria Rachel J. Arenas, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Tsuyoshi Anthony G. Horibata, Hon. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Hon. Maria Angela S. Garcia, Hon. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Hon. Richelle Singson, Hon. Lianda B. Bolilia, Hon. Marissa "Del Mar" P. Magsino, Hon. Lani Mercado-Revilla, Hon. Stella Luz A. Quimbo, Hon. Richard I. Gomez DPA, Hon. Amparo Maria J. Zamora

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO-AMERICAN SOUND DESIGNER AND COMPOSER FABIAN OBISPO FOR WINNING OUTSTANDING SOUND DESIGN AT THE 40TH LUCILLE LORTEL AWARDS, THE FIRST ASIAN AMERICAN TO RECEIVE THE HONOR

WHEREAS, Fabian Obispo, a Filipino-American sound designer and composer, made history on May 4, 2025, by becoming the first Asian American to win Outstanding Sound Design at the 40th Lucille Lortel Awards, a prestigious annual ceremony recognizing excellence in Off-Broadway theater in New York;¹

WHEREAS, the Lucille Lortel Awards, established in 1986 by the Off-Broadway League and the Lucille Lortel Theatre, are prestigious annual honors recognizing excellence in Off-Broadway theater in New York City²;

WHEREAS, the 40th Lucille Lortel Awards, held on May 4, 2025, at NYU Skirball, celebrated the diversity and innovation of Off-Broadway productions and included a star-studded lineup of

¹ *Fabian Obispo: Fil-Am Makes History at 40th Lucille Lortel Awards.* <https://www.palabastayo.com/>

² <https://lortelaward.com/about/>

presenters such as Kandi Burruss, Lea DeLaria, and Maya Hawke, reaffirming its importance as a leading institution that elevates groundbreaking work and emerging voices in American theater;

WHEREAS, Mr. Obispo received the award for his innovative and emotionally resonant work on the production “*Sumo*”, written by Lisa Sanaye Dring and directed by Ralph B. Peña, a theater piece that explores masculinity, identity, and ambition through the lens of sumo wrestling³;

WHEREAS, co-produced by Ma-Yi Theater Company and La Jolla Playhouse, “*Sumo*” received five nominations at the Lucille Lortel Awards, and served as a compelling canvas for Mr. Obispo’s unique sound design, which masterfully blended traditional motifs with contemporary sonic techniques;

WHEREAS, Mr. Obispo’s win places him in the company of distinguished nominees in the Outstanding Sound Design category, and further establishes his position as a vanguard of diversity and innovation in theater arts;

WHEREAS, Mr. Obispo’s compositions have been published internationally and he has held prestigious artistic residencies at the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Center in Italy and Sundance Theatre Lab, further cementing his influence and excellence in music and design;

WHEREAS, his recognition at the 2025 Lucille Lortel Awards is not only a professional milestone, but a powerful affirmation of the importance of cultural identity and representation in the performing arts, inspiring future generations of Filipino creatives worldwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to congratulate and commend Fabian Obispo for his trailblazing achievement in winning Outstanding Sound Design at the 2025 Lucille Lortel Awards, and for his enduring contributions to Filipino representation and artistic excellence in international theater.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. Fabian Obispo as a symbol of the highest recognition and esteem 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.*


HON. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ


HON. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ


HON. CHRISTOPHER V.P. DE VENECIA


HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO


HON. RAMON JOLO B. REVILLA III


HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN


HON. BRYAN B. REVILLA


HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL
MAR


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HON. JEFFERSON F. KHONGHUN


HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA


HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA


HON. JOSE ARTURO S. GARCIA JR.


HON. MARLYN "LEN" B. ALONTE



HON. MARIA RACHEL J. ARENAS



HON. MARK O. GO



HON. TSUYOSHI ANTHONY G. HORIBATA



HON. ANNA VICTORIA VELOSO-TUAZON



HON. MARIA ANGELA GARCIA



HON. MARIA VANESSA C. AUMENTADO



HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA



HON. RICHELLE SINGSON



HON. LANDA B. BOLILIA



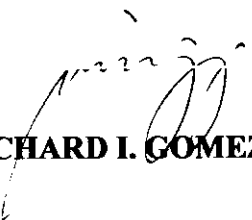
HON. MARISSA "DEL MAR" P. MAGINO



HON. LANI MERCADO-REVILLA



HON. STELLA LUZ A. QUIMBO



HON. RICHARD I. GOMEZ, DPA



HON. AMPARO MARIA J. ZAMORA