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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DEATH OF VETERAN ACTRESS GLORIA SEVILLA, CONSIDERED AS THE "QUEEN OF VISAYAN MOVIES," AND HONORING HER CONTRIBUTION IN PHILIPPINE CINEMA

1 WHEREAS, Gloria Sevilla is a multi-awarded and veteran film and television
2 actress whose career spanned seven decades and was recognized as the "Queen of
3 Visayan Movies";

4 WHEREAS, Sevilla died peacefully in her sleep last April 16, 2022 in Oakland,
5 California at the age of 90;

6 WHEREAS, Sevilla was fourteen years old when she was discovered after
7 winning at a high school oratorical contest at the University of the Visayas in Cebu
8 City. She starred as the titular Muslim royalty in the movie "Princesa Tirana" in 1951.
9 Following the box office success of her first film, she went to headline numerous
10 movies including "Leonora" (1951), "Pailub Lang" (1951), "Utlanan" (1952),
11 "Handumanan" (1953), among many others;

12 WHEREAS, Sevilla is an acclaimed actress who earned her Best Supporting
13 Actress award from the Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS) for her
14 performance in "Madugong Paghihiganti" in 1962. She also received a FAMAS Best
15 Actress trophy for her portrayal in "Balis sa Kinabuhi," the first Visayan film to screen
16 at the Berlin and Moscow International film festivals in 1971;

17 WHEREAS, Sevilla won her second FAMAS Best Actress trophy in 1973 for the
18 movie "Gimigingaw Ako." It is with her excellent performances in these Visayan movies

1 that she was able to represent and honor the diversity and richness of Philippine
2 cinema;

3 WHEREAS, Sevilla is a tireless and dedicated artist who served the movie
4 industry not only as a celebrated thespian, but also as a movie producer through her
5 own film outfit S-R Productions which financed Visayan films in the 1950s to 1960s,
6 and as an active member of the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board
7 (MTRCB);

8 WHEREAS, her exemplary work in the enrichment of Philippine cinema was
9 recognized by the Manunuri ng Pelikulang Pilipino when they bestowed her the
10 Natatanging Gawad Urian Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019, and by the Film
11 Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) and the Society of Philippine
12 Entertainment Editors (SPEEd) when they conferred upon her the Eddys Icon Award
13 in 2021;

14 WHEREAS, her passion, impressive body of work and valuable contribution to
15 the local movie landscape deserve recognition from the Philippine Senate;

16 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
17 express profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate of the Philippines
18 on the death of veteran actress Gloria Sevilla, considered as the "Queen of Visayan
19 movies," and honoring her contribution in Philippine cinema.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.