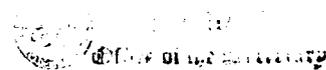


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P. S. Res. No. 1249

Introduced by Senator Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada

RESOLUTION
COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING "ITI MAPUKPUKAW (THE MISSING)" DIRECTOR CARL JOSEPH PAPA FOR WINNING THE BEST ANIMATED FILM AWARD FROM THE 17TH ASIA PACIFIC SCREEN AWARDS HELD LAST 30 NOVEMBER 2024 IN GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA

1 WHEREAS, the Philippine Senate has consistently recognized outstanding
2 Filipino artists and creatives who won in prestigious international film festivals and
3 competitions and brought honor and pride to the country;

4 WHEREAS, Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) is an international cultural
5 program presented by the Asia Pacific Screen Academy which honors filmmaking that
6 best reflects its cultural origins, diversity of the region and cinematic excellence.
7 Founded in 2007, it has gained international status and following in the film community
8 as it invites submissions from 78 countries;

9 WHEREAS, "Iti Mapukpukaw (The Missing)," a 90-minute Filipino-Ilocano
10 rotoscope animated film directed by Carl Joseph Papa and produced by Geo Lomuntad,
11 Dan Villegas, Antoinette Jadaone and Ianessa Valdellon, was hailed as the Best
12 Animated Film in the 17th edition of the Asia Pacific Screen Awards held last 30
13 November 2024 in Gold Coast, Australia;

14 WHEREAS, the film bested four other films in the category namely: "Ghost Cat
15 Anzu" from Japan and France, "Memoir of a Snail" from Australia, "Pig That Survived
16 Foot-and-Mouth Disease" from Republic of Korea, and "The Colors Within (Kimi no
17 Iro)" from Japan;

1 WHEREAS, "Iti Mapukpukaw" which starred Carlo Aquino, Gio Gahol and Golden
2 Globe nominee Dolly de Leon is the first feature-length animated film in Cinemalaya
3 Film Festival where it received the Best Film and NETPAC (Network for the Promotion
4 of Asian Cinema) awards last 2023;

5 WHEREAS, Papa, as the director and head animator, initially shot the lead
6 actors against a green screen for four days, and later on translated the frame-by-
7 frame sequences into animation with the help of ninety (90) animators for eight
8 months;

9 WHEREAS, aside from critical acclaim from local award-giving bodies such as
10 Gawad Urian which gave Best Picture, Best Sound and Best Animation trophies to the
11 film and the Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and Sciences (FAMAS) which bestowed an
12 award for Best Editing, "Iti Mapukpukaw" became the Philippines' entry to the 96th
13 Academy Awards for Best International Feature Film;

14 WHEREAS, the film also bagged the Best Feature Film award at the 17th
15 International Animated Film Festival (IAFF) Animator held from June 25-30, 2024 in
16 Poznań, Poland;

17 WHEREAS, the successes and accolades received by "Iti Mapukpukaw" in the
18 international film circuit marks significant milestone for Filipino animators,
19 demonstrating their exceptional talent, technical proficiency and ingenuity to the
20 world, and brings immense pride and honor to the country;

21 WHEREAS, Papa previously directed "Manang Biring" which became the first
22 Filipino animated film to be showcased at the 2016 Annecy International Animation
23 Film Festival in France. His masterful employment of rotoscope and 2D animation can
24 be considered as an achievement in Philippine cinema as an innovative way of
25 storytelling;

26 WHEREAS, Papa's accomplishments, expertise and passion in filmmaking
27 significantly contribute to the development of the local animation industry, and enrich
28 the slim catalog of Filipino animated films that is still finding its unique style and
29 identity when compared to the more established and Hollywood counterparts;

30 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to
31 commend and congratulate the "Iti Mapukpukaw (The Missing)" director Carl Joseph

- 1 Papa for winning the Best Animated Film award from the 17th Asia Pacific Screen
- 2 Awards held last 30 November 2024 in Gold Coast, Australia;

Adopted,



JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA