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Introduced by **Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid**

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**RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING SALVADOR "BUTCH" TOONG III  
FOR WINNING THE 2024 SCOTT KELBY WORLDWIDE PHOTO WALK  
CONTEST**

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines recognizes and honors outstanding individuals who bring pride and inspiration to the country through their exemplary achievements in their respective fields;

WHEREAS, Cebuano photographer Salvador "Butch" Toong III emerged as the grand prize winner of the prestigious 2024 Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk contest, one of the largest photography competitions in the world, besting over 6,000 entries from 46 countries;

WHEREAS, Toong's winning photograph, which features a poignant scene of hope and resilience captured near Cebu City Hall, was celebrated for its artistry and profound message amidst societal challenges;

WHEREAS, Toong's dedication to his craft spans 15 years of tireless effort, during which he sacrificed personal resources, including selling his family car to purchase his first camera, and honed his skills through wedding photography and collaboration with other photographers;

WHEREAS, his victory marks the culmination of nearly a decade of participation in the Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk contest, proving his perseverance and commitment to his passion;

WHEREAS, Toong's accolades include being a Hall of Fame awardee and Photographer of the Year honoree of the Photographers Club of Cebu from 2017 to

2019, and a finalist in the 2014 Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum International Photography Award "Life in Colour" competition, further cementing his reputation as one of our country's finest photographers;

WHEREAS, his achievement brings immense pride to the Philippines and serves as an inspiration to Filipino artists and photographers to pursue their passions and make meaningful contributions to the global artistic community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to congratulate and commend Salvador "Butch" Toong III for his extraordinary accomplishment of winning the 2024 Scott Kelby Worldwide Photo Walk contest, showcasing the Filipino's artistry and indomitable spirit on the world stage.

*Adopted,*



**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
*Senator*

