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A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO POSTHUMOUSLY CONFER THE NATIONAL ARTIST AWARD ON MR. EDUARDO VERCHEZ GARCIA OR "EDDIE GARCIA" AND FOR HIM TO BE RECOGNIZED AS NATIONAL ARTIST OF THE PHILIPPINES

1 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Eduardo Verchez Garcla, "Eddie Garcia," or "Manoy" as he was fondly
2 called, had a career of almost seven decades as an actor and director in the Philippine
3 entertainment industry.

4 **WHEREAS**, Mr. García started as an actor in 1949 and has portrayed over 600 roles in
5 his career both in television and film. He also directed more than 30 films which have
6 received national acclaim. Despite his fame and success, he remained to be an icon for
7 actors and alike not only because of his versatility in acting and creative direction but also
8 his professionalism and discipline that he maintained throughout his career.

9 **WHEREAS**, Mr. Garcia has received numerous accolades in different award-giving
10 bodies. In 1974, he has been awarded by the Filipino Academy of Movie Arts and
11 Sciences (FAMAS) as their very first Hall of Famer. He is also the only person ever
12 inducted in three categories of the award-giving body and has won Best Actor five times,
13 Supporting Actor six times, and Best Director three times. Throughout the years, FAMAS,
14 the Film Academy of the Philippines, Gawad Urian, Metro Manila Film Festival, Star
15 Awards, Golden Screen Awards, Cinemalaya Film Festival, and QCinema Film Festival
16 have continuously recognized his talent and contribution in the Philippine entertainment
17 scene.

18 **WHEREAS**, at the 55th Asia-Pacific Film Festival, Mr. Garcia won Best Actor for the 2012
19 film, *Bwakaw*. He was the first Filipino to receive the prize. Earlier this year, he also
20 bagged the Best Actor award at the 52nd Annual WorldFest in Houston, Texas for the
21 film, *Rainbow's Sunset*. He has also starred in films which became Philippine entries in
22 international award-giving bodies such as the Academy Awards and Cannes Film
23 Festival. This goes to show that Mr. Garcia has brought pride and fame to the Philippines
24 through his immense talent and effective portrayal of characters that reflect the Filipino
25 soul.

1 **WHEREAS**, this year he was one of the 12 "Mga Natatanging Bituin ng Siglo" legendary
2 honorees at the 35th Philippine Movie Press Club Star Awards. It cannot be denied that
3 Mr. Garcia became a movie hero for all generations. Despite playing antagonist roles in
4 the earlier years, he evolved and created unforgettable characters in all genres that
5 captured the hearts of the diverse Filipino audience.

6 **WHEREAS**, despite his nonchalance for legacy, Mr. Garcia became a role model for
7 people in the industry. He easily became a timeless presence that will remain in the hearts
8 and minds of all Filipinos. His talent, dedication, perseverance, wit, and respect for all
9 people regardless of age, gender, and status, values that were prominent in his whole
10 career, stand for what a national artist should be.

11 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives, through this
12 resolution by the party-list coalition, recommending to posthumously confer the National
13 Artist Award on Mr. Eduardo Verchez Garcia or "Eddie Garcia" and for him to be
14 recognized as National Artist of the Philippines. This is to acknowledge his invaluable
15 contribution to the film and movie industry of the Philippines. Mr. Garcia has proven,
16 beyond accolades and awards, his worthiness to be called a National Artist in his works,
17 ethics, and virtues. Such conferment is deserved by a man who continuously uplifted and
18 developed the Arts of the Philippines as his life's purpose.

Adopted,


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