


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RESOLUTION

COMMENDING FRANCISCO SIONIL JOSE FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO LITERATURE AND JOURNALISM

**WHEREAS**, Article XIV, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution provides that “arts and letters shall enjoy the patronage of the State” and that the State shall “conserve, promote and popularize the nation’s historical and cultural heritage and resources,”;

**WHEREAS**, Francisco Sionil Jose, also known as F. Sionil Jose, was born in Rosales, Pangasinan on December 3, 1924;

**WHEREAS**, his interest in literature started at a young age, and with the support of his peers and mentors, he was able to further pursue and develop his talents and skills in the field;

**WHEREAS**, he first took up a pre-medical course but later shifted back to liberal arts, to devote his life to his true passion which is literature, for which we has received local and international recognition;

**WHEREAS**, having been considered as one of the prominent writers in the English language, his works have been translated to twenty-two (22) languages, including Czech, Indonesian, French, Korean, Russian, Latvian and Dutch;

**WHEREAS**, he has been an inspiration to several generations of writers and journalists through his essays, his role as a publisher, his lectures, his iconic bookshop *Solidaridad* and his founding of the Philippine chapter of the PEN, an international organization of poets, writers and novelists;

**WHEREAS**, he has received numerous accolades, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award, the Pablo Neruda Centennial Award, Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et Lettres, and the Carlos Palanca Memorial Award for Literature, among others;

**WHEREAS**, F. Sionil Jose was bestowed in 2001, the title of National Artist of the Philippines for Literature;

**WHEREAS**, cognizant of his artistic and literary genius and for his perseverance to instill national pride through the arts, it is but fitting that F. Sionil Jose, be recognized and honored;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to commend Francisco Sionil Jose for his notable contribution to literature and journalism.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**

Senator