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Introduced by Senator LOREN LEGARDA

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE *GAWAD SA MANLILIKHA NG BAYAN AWARDEES* FOR THEIR IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION AND TIRELESS DEDICATION IN THE PROMOTION OF THE COUNTRY'S RICH CULTURAL HERITAGE FOR THE CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATION OF FILIPINOS

WHEREAS, Article XIV, Section 15 of the Philippine Constitution states 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, Republic Act No. 7355, also known as the *Manlilikha ng Bayan Act*, was enacted with the end view of ensuring the continuity of Philippine tradition through mechanisms that would promote sharing and preservation of artistic traditions and practices;

WHEREAS, this same Act further institutionalizes the *Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan Award* or the *GAMABA* award, which seeks to honor and recognize traditional artists who have honed and mastered their artistic crafts and skills that are truly reflective of Filipino culture and identity;

WHEREAS, since its first conferment in 1993, the *GAMABA* award has so far recognized the efforts of thirteen (13) traditional artists;

WHEREAS, the *GAMABA* awardees, namely, *Ginaw Bilog, Masino Intaray, Samaon Sulaiman, Lang Dulay, Salinta Monon, Alonzo Saclag, Federico Caballero, Uwang Ahadas, Darhata Sawabi, Eduardo Mutuc, Haja Amina Appi, Teofilo Garcia* and *Magdalena Gamayb* have excelled in their respective age-old traditional arts and expressions and have been instrumental in sharing these practices to their respective communities;

WHEREAS, cognizant of their artistic genius and their perseverance to instill national pride through the arts, it is but fitting that our *Manlilikha ng Bayan*, the nation's "living treasures," be recognized and honored for their painstaking dedication to promote, protect and safeguard the nation's rich intangible heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend the Gawad sa Manlilikha ng Bayan awardees for their immense contribution and tireless dedication in the promotion of the country's rich cultural heritage for the current and future generation of Filipinos.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA

Senator