

1 **WHEREAS**, nominations for National Artist are based on the following
2 criteria, as set forth by the Cultural Center of the Philippines and the National
3 Commission for Culture and the Arts:

- 4 1. Living artists who are Filipino citizens at the time of the
5 nomination, as well as those who died after the establishment of
6 the award in 1972 but were Filipino citizens at the time of their
7 death;
- 8 2. Artists who through the content and form of their works have
9 contributed in building a Filipino sense of nationhood;
- 10 3. Artists who pioneered in a mode of creative expression or style,
11 thus earning distinction and making an impact on succeeding
12 generations of artists;
- 13 4. Artists who have created a substantial and significant body of
14 works and/or consistently displayed excellence in the practice of
15 their art form thus enriching artistic expression or style; and
- 16 5. Artists who enjoy broad acceptance through prestigious national
17 and/or international recognition, critical acclaim and/or reviews
18 of their works, and respect and esteem from peers;

19 **WHEREAS**, Ramon Revilla, Sr. is a renowned entertainment icon, actor,
20 producer, writer and director, and a public servant;

21 **WHEREAS**, through the years, he has contributed immensely to the
22 development of Philippine art;

23 **WHEREAS**, his movies depicted not only the Filipino way of life, but
24 also our unique culture and strong ideals;

25 **WHEREAS**, he was a recipient of several notable awards which include
26 the 1973 FAMAS Best Actor Award, the 1976 Outstanding Producer Award,
27 the 1979 Most Outstanding Actor, and the Box Office King. In 2011, he
28 received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Catholic Mass Media. Last
29 July 1 during the *Luksang Parangal* held in his honor, Ramon Revilla, was
30 acclaimed and conferred with the Sino-Phil Asia International Peace Award
31 for Performing Arts;

32 **WHEREAS**, aside from being recognized due to his distinguished
33 achievements as an actor and a producer, Senator Ramon Revilla Sr. must be

1 commended for being a purveyor of quality and respectable Philippine
2 Entertainment Industry as warranted by his work for the advancement of
3 Philippine Motion Picture Industry and children’s welfare under his capacity
4 as the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Motion Pictures and Television
5 in the 10th and 11th Congresses;

6 **WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 7356, otherwise known as the Law
7 Creating the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, views “art” as
8 something that "reflects and shapes values, beliefs, aspirations, thereby
9 defining a people’s national identity.”¹ This principle was fully realized when
10 Senator Ramon Revilla Sr.’s authored bill, Republic Act No. 8370 or the
11 Children’s Media Act, was signed into law in 1997, with the objective of
12 recognizing the vital role of the youth in nation-building and the influence of
13 broadcast media, specifically television, in molding a child's intellectual,
14 emotional and social well-being;

15 **WHEREAS**, Senator Ramon Revilla, Sr.’s contribution to Philippine
16 society in general and to the Philippine entertainment in particular should
17 not go unrecognized as he is a genuine gem who has contributed much to the
18 proliferation and appreciation of the arts in our country;

19 **WHEREAS**, Senator Ramon Revilla, Sr. is an embodiment of talent,
20 intelligence, and artistry that makes him befitting of the title of National Artist;

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY**
22 **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to express to the
23 National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the Cultural Center of the
24 Philippines the sense of the Senate to nominate Ramon Revilla, Sr. for the
25 National Artist Award for Film in recognition of his immense contributions to
26 Philippine culture and the arts, specifically to the Philippine entertainment
27 industry.

Adopted,



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¹ National Artist for Literature Virgilio Almaro v. The Executive Secretary, G.R. No. 189028, July 16, 2013.