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RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING TO THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE THE FEASIBILITY OF MAINTAINING ECO-PRECINCTS IN MAJOR ECO-TOURISM AREAS, NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES, MAJOR RIVERS OR ENVIRONMENTAL SITES IN THE COUNTRY, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTIONALIZING AND STRENGTHENING THE BRIGADE OF RIVER WARRIORS AND ECO POLICE

WHEREAS, Article II Section 16 of the 1987 Constitution states that "The state shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, recently, the Philippine National Police, City Government of Manila and the Kapit Bisig Para sa Ilog Pasig (KBIP) launched the Eco-Precinct project, and the ground-breaking ceremony was held at Paco Market in Manila;

WHEREAS, the Eco-Precinct, to be constructed beside the Estero De Paco in Manila, will be used for environment-related offenses and will be manned by 200 "River Warriors", composed of volunteers (vendors, housewives, the jobless and grade school pupils) from Paco area, who underwent military training;

WHEREAS The river warriors will be under the supervision of police officers, and they were given the task to watch out for litterbugs, polluters and those disposing of waste and other materials into the estero, the public market and surrounding areas.

WHEREAS, it is not enough to clean the river, its cleanliness must be maintained and sustained, thus, the birth of eco-precincts to prevent or apprehend people from throwing trash into the estero;

WHEREAS, for its environmental significance as well as the promotion of tourism, eco-precincts must be created nationwide;

RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committees on Public Order and Illegal Drugs, Environment and Natural Resources and Tourism to recommend to the Philippine National Police or the Armed Forces of the Philippines, to maintain eco-precincts in major eco-tourism areas, national heritage sites, major rivers or environmental sites in the country, with the end in view of expanding the coverage of the present river warriors.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR