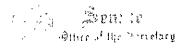
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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN FOR THE DECLARATION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PUERTO PRINCESA SUBTERRANEAN RIVER NATIONAL PARK AS THE SECOND NEW7WONDERS OF NATURE.

WHEREAS, the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park was confirmed as one of New7Wonders of Nature;

WHEREAS, the New7Wonders of Nature is a global poll where world citizens were asked to put forward sites which they deemed were natural wonders of the world.

WHEREAS, more than a million votes were cast to trim the list of more than 440 contenders in over 220 countries down to a shortlist of seven natural spectacles;

WHEREAS, after garnering votes in record number, the Puerto Princesa Underground River was hailed the second of New7Wonders of Nature, next to South Korea's Jeju Island;

WHEREAS, this distinction merits a commendation for the people of Puerto Princesa City led by Mayor Edward Hagedorn for their zeal and passion in campaigning for the country's entry in this global survey of natural marvels;

WHEREAS, the inclusion of the Puerto Princesa Underground River in the New7Wonders of Nature sees a significant improvement in our tourism as displayed by the influx of tourists from the time it was nominated in the early stages of the campaign;

WHEREAS, with the international recognition of our Philippine wonder, we should take it as a challenge and opportunity to show travelers how it's more fun to be in the Philippines with other equally impressive tourist destinations in our country;

WHEREAS, with the declaration and confirmation of the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park as the second New7 Wonders of Nature, it will now join the man-made New 7 Wonders of the World in becoming part of global memory for humankind;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate to congratulate and commend Puerto Princesa City, Palawan for the declaration and confirmation of the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park as the second New7Wonders of Nature on 28 January 2012.

Adopted,

MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID M Senator