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RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING THE MASUNGI GEORESERVE FOR
WINNING THE 2022 BETT AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines has, on numerous occasions, recognized and paid tribute to outstanding Filipinos for their invaluable contribution to their chosen fields and for bringing pride and honor to the country for their momentous achievements that garner prestigious awards;

WHEREAS, the Masungi Georeserve Foundation has always championed environmental conservation and sustainability, which is why their initiative, the Masungi 360° Virtual Field Trip has truly been instrumental to their cause;

WHEREAS, the initiative started in 2021, at the height of COVID-19 which forced the foundation to innovate, the virtual field trip offered students education through three (3) virtual trails: the Discovery Trail, Legacy Trail and Beyond Masungi;

WHEREAS, the Foundation's initiative is truly an innovative way to drive action for the environment, it has impacted the lives of our young conservationists and has graduated more than 3,300 "Junior Rangers" from multiple schools across the country;

WHEREAS, the Masungi Georeserve Foundation's virtual field trip is the first of its kind, a unique digital platform that offers an immersive, educational experience on Philippine biodiversity, it also features real-life stories from our rural communities and educates us on the challenges they face on the ground;

WHEREAS, the Masungi 360° has since caught the attention of many environmental and educational award-giving bodies from all over the world, including the Bett UK Advisory Board which selected the foundation to receive the 2022 Bett Award for Sustainability Initiative, the foundation was awarded during the October 11, 2022 ceremony in Bangkok, Thailand;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has forced us, and many other nations of the world to think differently and come up with new ways to move forward amidst the restrictions we now have to live with, which is why the initiative of the Masungi Georeserve Foundation has additional significance;

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the importance of these initiatives by our environmental conservation advocates in teaching the next generation of Filipinos to care for nature and our resources;

WHEREAS, the international recognition of Masungi Georeserve Foundation's innovative virtual field trip deserves the highest praise and commendation from the Senate, for it truly shines a light on the urgent matter of protecting, preserving, and saving our natural resources and conserving the health of our environment amid the many threats of deforestation, damaging exploitation, biodiversity loss and continued degradation;

WHEREAS, the Masungi Georeserve Foundation's virtual field trip initiative truly showcases the resilience of Filipino people in educational innovation in the face of significant challenges. It sends a powerful message to the world that the environmental heroes exist in our country and that we all need to work together to protect our environment;

WHEREAS, the hard work, courage and sacrifices of the Masungi Georeserve Foundation benefit the entire nation, including the future generations to come, may their efforts serve as an inspiration to their fellow conservationists across the country that all that they do are contributory in securing a better future for this country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the Senate of the Philippines to congratulate and commend the Masungi Georeserve Foundation for winning the 2022 BETT Award for Sustainability Initiative.

Adopted,



MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID