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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
**COMMENDING THE MASUNGI GEORESERVE PROJECT FOR BEING
CONFERRED THE INSPIRE AWARD DURING THE 2022 UNITED NATIONS
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACTION AWARD HELD IN BONN,
GERMANY**

WHEREAS, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG) Action Awards is a signature programme of the UN SDG Action Campaign, seeking initiatives and individuals that mobilize, inspire and connect people to drive positive change¹;

WHEREAS, over three thousand (3,000) applications and nominations are received annually from more than one hundred fifty (150) countries. Following the technical review process that identifies the finalists, a high-level panel of judges consisting of leaders across sectors and geographies select the winners. Finalists and winners will be unveiled and celebrated at an inspiring and creative UN SDG Action Awards Ceremony, live-streamed globally²;

WHEREAS, at the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the world stands at a crucial moment where transformation is possible and every action matters. By tapping into our creativity and diversity anchored in trust and solidarity, we can work together to create the future in which we thrive in harmony with the planet³;

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, the UN announced that the Masungi Geopark Project won the 2022 United Nations Sustainable Development (UN SDG) Action Award under the Inspire category and topped the competition for its youth-led efforts in combating deforestation and climate change through restoration and protection of the said landscape;

WHEREAS, the Masungi Georeserve is a conservation area and rustic rock garden tucked in the rainforests of Rizal. Masungi's name is derived from the word "masungki" which translates to "spiked" – an apt description for the sprawling limestone landscape found within. In the sanctuary, guests will be able to commune with nature, and re-energise themselves while doing so. They can wander through the pathways and encounter wildlife and plant species⁴;

¹ UN SDG Action Awards Ceremony. Available at <https://sdgactionawards.org/#:~:text=About%20the%20UN%20SDG%20Action,received%20annually%20from%20150%2B%20countries>.

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ About Masungi. <https://www.masungigeoreserve.com/>

WHEREAS, the Masungi Geopark Project bested more or less three thousand (3,000) other entries from around the world as the judges appreciated the youth-led protection of the Masungi landscape and parts of the Upper Marikina Watershed⁵;

WHEREAS, the judges commended Masungi for being “bold enough to participate in national legislative inquiries and direct lobbying.” They further praised the team for “going above and beyond through their engagement with the general public and the creativity of their storytelling.”⁶;

WHEREAS, the Masungi Georeserve Project is considered one of the last green frontiers near Metro Manila and a haven for unique biodiversity. The UN SDG award that they received only demonstrates the distinct ability and tenacity of the Masungi’s team, allies, partners and entire community that ought to inspire Filipinos all over the world;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Philippines, to commend the Masungi Georeserve Project for being conferred the Inspire award during the 2022 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Action Award held in Bonn, Germany.

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY

⁵ Masungi Geopark Project wins UN award.
<https://mb.com.ph/2022/09/28/masungi-geopark-project-wins-un-award/>

⁶ Ibid