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HOUSE BILL NO. 904

Introduced by **Honorable Rolex T. Suplico**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The State has the obligation to preserve, develop and ensure access to scenic natural spots, which are considered public assets. Gigantes Island located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo is among these scenic natural spots.

The preservation and development of this island is imperative. Its tourism potentials can fully realized be if the proper expansion program, rules and regulations are implemented.

These are the reasons why the approval of this bill is strongly urged.

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AN ACT
DECLARING GIGANTES ISLAND, LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARLES, PROVINCE OF ILOILO, A TOURIST ZONE

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Declaration. – Gigantes Island, located in the Municipality of Carles, Province of Iloilo, is hereby declared a tourist zone. As such, it shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing the development of tourist zones.

Sec. 2. Promulgation of a Development Plan. – The Department of Tourism in partnership with the local community with all government agencies concerned shall within one (1) year from the approval of this Act, prepare a development plan involving the construction and maintenance of appropriate infrastructure that would enhance tourism in the area, preserve its natural beauty, protect the environment and maintain ecological balance.

Sec. 3. Implementing Rules and Regulations. – The Department of Tourism in Consultation with the local community shall issue the rules and regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this Act.

Sec. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation in Filipino and English

Approved,