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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 2883

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Municipality of San Jose de Buan, Province of Samar as a tourist spot.

Tourism is one of the major dollar-earning industries of the country. The tourism boom during the 80's was due to the numerous tourist spots that have been developed and made accessible to tourists, local and foreign alike. In fact, the government has launched a massive tourism development program called "Wow, Philippines" to help strengthen the economy of the country.

In the Province of Samar, there are a number of tourist spots but they are yet to be developed. One of these is Mount Huraw in the Municipality of San Jose de Buan. It is Samar's highest peak overlooking the mountainous area of the province and the source of spring water for the Municipality of San Jose de Buan and its neighboring municipalities. With its zigzagging contour, Mt. Huraw is ideal and fascinating for mountain climbing.

The lack of well-equipped facilities such as cottages, restaurants and means of transportation is the primary reason that the Municipality of San Jose de Buan cannot attract enough tourists. The sentiments of the residents and officials of the said municipality is to declare San Jose de Buan a first class tourist spot. As one, there would be jobs that can be created for its populace thus, economic growth in the area would be enhanced. Furthermore, it would promote the growth and tourism industry and help project a good image of our province and country locally and internationally.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE DE BUAN,
PROVINCE OF SAMAR AS A TOURIST SPOT,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The Municipality of San Jose de Buan, Province of Samar is hereby declared a Tourist Spot and shall be accorded priority development by the Department of Tourism.

SECTION 2. The Philippine Tourism Authority, in consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways, shall prepare, within one year from the approval of this Act, a tourism development plan for the Municipality of San Jose de Buan, Province of Samar. The development plan shall provide for the construction and installation of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure as shall encourage tourism in the area and shall be submitted for final approval to the Department of Tourism prior to its implementation.

SECTION 3. Upon the approval by the Department of Tourism of the tourism development plan for the Municipality of San Jose de Buan, Province of Samar, it shall take immediate steps to expedite the implementation thereof and, for the purpose, shall incorporate the same in the Department's overall tourism development program for the ensuing calendar year.

SECTION 4. The amount necessary for the development of the Municipality of San Jose de Buan, Province of Samar as a tourist zone and for the construction and installation of such appropriate facilities and infrastructure shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Tourism under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the tourist zone shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality of San Jose de Buan.

SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,