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Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Constitution Hills, Quezon City
TWENTIETH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 3310

Introduced by Representative VINCENT FRANCO D. FRASCO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to declare the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cebu, a tourist destination of the Philippines.

This measure is similar to House Bill No. 7848, which was previously filed from the 18th Congress and was approved on third and final reading on August 03, 2021. It was transmitted to the Senate on August 04, 2021. However, it only reached the Senate Committee on Tourism due to lack of material time.

In the 19th Congress, the same was filed as House Bill No. 104 on June 30, 2022. It was substituted by House Bill No. 5171, which was approved by the House on November 07, 2022 and later on transmitted to the Senate on November 08, 2022. However, up to the present, the proposal has not materialized.

Section 1, Article XII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged.

Furthermore, Republic Act No. 9593 or the Tourism Act of 2009 declared tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy that shall spur socio-economic growth, investment and employment in the country.

The Municipality of Carmen is a 3rd income class municipality located in the Fifth District of the Province of Cebu. According to the 2020 census, it has a population of 57,897 people. It is bordered on the North by the town of Catmon, to the West by the town of Tuburan, on the East by the Camotes Sea, and on the South by the City of Danao. Carmen is comprised of 21 barangays, and the main industries in the municipality are mango farming, manufacturing, home décor & furniture, and sinamay (an abaca product).

1 The Municipality of Carmen is popularly known as the home of the largest safari in the
2 Philippines, the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park.

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4 The Cebu Safari and Adventure Park is a 170-hectare development with some 1,200
5 animals imported from Spain, Australia, US, Africa, and other parts of the world. Founded in 2018,
6 the Park also caters to adventure seekers with its very own Adventure Park which features one of
7 the longest and highest Ziplines in the country at 1.3 kms. long and 671 m. above sea level.

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9 The Cebu Safari and Adventure Park is also home to a zoological and botanical complex
10 that is the only one of its kind in the Philippines. It is becoming one of the emerging tourist
11 destinations in the northern Cebu because of its diverse attractions, such as African Savanna,
12 Michelle's Garden, Gardens of the World, and the White Lion Safari.

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14 Recognizing its enormous potential to contribute to the country's roster of tourism
15 destinations as a phenomenally well-developed attraction in Southeast Asia, this Bill is filed to
16 declare officially as a tourism destination the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park located in the
17 Municipality of Carmen in the Fifth District of the Province of Cebu.

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19 Developing the said Safari will generate investment and foreign exchange in the area and
20 will also provide employment opportunities for local residents. With the influx of tourists, these
21 tourist spots will also be a significant source of business opportunities that can support local
22 entrepreneurship and livelihood in Cebu.

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24 In view of the foregoing, approval of this Bill is earnestly requested.

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15 **AN ACT**
16 **DECLARING THE CEBU SAFARI AND ADVENTURE PARK LOCATED IN**
17 **BARANGAY CORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF CARMEN, PROVINCE OF CEBU, A**
18 **TOURISM DESTINATION**
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20 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress*
21 *assembled:*
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23 Section 1. The Cebu Safari and Adventure Park located in Barangay Corte, Municipality
24 of Carmen, Province of Cebu, which offers diverse tourist attractions and hosts a variety of
25 zoological and botanical species, is hereby declared a tourism destination.
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27 Section 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the *Official*
28 *Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.
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30 Approved,