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RESOLUTION NO. SP- 5508, S-2012

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF PUERTO PRINCESA, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN, FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE PUERTO PRINCESA UNDERGROUND RIVER AS ONE OF THE NEW SEVEN (7) WONDERS OF NATURE.

Introduced by Councilor ALEXIS R. HERRERA.

Co-Introduced by Councilors Francisco A. Calalay, Jr., Dorothy A. Delarmente, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Joseph P. Juico, Precious Hipolito Castelo, Alfredo D. Vargas III, Eden "Candy" A. Medina, Juliennne Alyson Rae V. Medalla, Roderick M. Paulate, Godofredo T. Liban II, Julian ML. Coseteng, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Jaime F. Borres, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Jessica Castelo Daza, Raquel S. Malañgen, Vincent DG. Belmonte, Marvin C. Rillo, Ivy Lim-Lagman, Ramulfo Z. Ludovica and John Ansell R. De Guzman.

WHEREAS, the New 7 Wonders of Nature is an initiative of New 7 Wonders Foundation, a Swiss-based, government-controlled foundation led by Canadian-Swiss Bernard Weber. The objective of the foundation is to create a list of seven natural wonders chosen by people through a global poll;

WHEREAS, the New 7 Wonders of Nature campaign started in 2007. The list of 28 "Official Finalist Candidates" was determined from over 440 participants representing over 220 countries;

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WHEREAS, the Puerto Princesa Underground River, the longest navigable underground river in the world was chosen as one of the 28 official finalist candidates;

WHEREAS, Puerto Princesa Underground River is located about 50 km north of the City of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan. It features a limestone karst mountain landscape with an 8.2 kilometer navigable underground river. The underground river winds through a cave before flowing directly into the South China Sea. It includes major formations of stalactites and stalagmites, and several large chambers. The lower portion of the river is subject to tidal influences. At the mouth of the cave, a clear lagoon is framed by ancient trees growing right to the water's edge. Animals, like monkeys, large monitor lizards, and squirrels, find their niche on the beach near the cave;

WHEREAS, the Quezon City Government joined hands with the City of Puerto Princesa in its bid to place the Puerto Princesa Underground River in the New 7 Wonders of Nature. Quezon City Mayor, Honorable Herbert M. Bautista and Puerto Princesa City Mayor, Honorable Edward Hagedorn signed a Memorandum of Agreement on the Sister-City relationship to help in the campaign to generate votes for the Underground River;

WHEREAS, as part of the two cities' campaign for the Underground River, several activities were held in Quezon City to promote awareness and to encourage the public to vote for the Underground River and to unite Filipinos for pride and honor;


WHEREAS, the New 7 Wonders of Nature have been announced, namely: Amazon in South America; Halong Bay, Vietnam; Iguazu Falls, Argentina and Brazil; Jeju Island, South Korea; Komodo, Indonesia, Puerto Princesa Underground River, Philippines; and Table Mountain, South Africa. X

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, to congratulate, as it does hereby congratulate the City of Puerto Princesa, Province of Palawan, for the inclusion of the Puerto Princesa Underground River as one of the New Seven (7) Wonders of Nature.

ADOPTED: May 7, 2012.


MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept Head III

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 7, 2012 and was CONFIRMED on May 14, 2012.


Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept Head III 