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AN ACT
DECLARING THE CEBU SAFARI AND ADVENTURE PARK LOCATED IN
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TOURISM DESTINATION

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the goals of the national economy are 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. 8583 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 3rd class costal municipality located in the Fifth District, 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. It is home to the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park, located in Barangay Corte which is a 170-hectare development with some 1,200 animals imported from Spain, Australia, US, Africa, and other parts of the world. It is becoming one of the emerging tourist destinations in the northern Cebu because of its diverse attractions, such as African Savanna, Michelle's Garden, Gardens of the World, and the White Lion Safari.

Recognizing its enormous potential to contribute to the country's roster of tourism destinations as a phenomenally well-developed attraction in Southeast Asia, this measure seeks to declare the Cebu Safari and Adventure Park as a tourism destination located in the Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cebu. This will

generate investment and foreign exchange in the area and will also provide employment opportunities to the local residents of Carmen.

In view of the foregoing, the passage of this bill is earnestly sought.

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The Cebu Safari and Adventure Park located in Barangay Corte,
2 Municipality of Carmen, Province of Cebu, which offers diverse tourist attractions and
3 hosts a variety of zoological and botanical species, is hereby declared a tourism
4 destination.

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6 **SEC. 2.** This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the
7 Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,