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House Res No.\_

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE DELAYS OF THE TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA) IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

WHEREAS, the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) is mandated to, among others, develop, manage, and supervise tourism infrastructure projects in the country;

WHEREAS, one of the Corporate Thrusts of TIEZA is to develop and manage tourism infrastructures in areas with strong tourism potentials;

WHEREAS, the Mission of TIEZA is to contribute to national tourism development goals and showcase Philippine culture by designating, supervising, and regulating sustainable Tourism Enterprise Zones; undertaking viable Tourism Infrastructure Projects; and managing assets;

WHEREAS, Cagayan de Oro City is the gateway to Northern Mindanao and is one of the premier tourist destinations in the country;

WHEREAS, Cagayan de Oro is famous for its white water rafting or kayaking adventures along the Cagayan de Oro River;

WHEREAS, other tourist spots in the City include Mapawa Nature Park, Golden Friendship Park, Macahambus Cave, and San Agustin Cathedral;

WHEREAS, Cagayan de Oro is also home to breathtaking water falls including the F.S. Catanico Falls, the Bigaan Falls and the Manlumot Falls;

WHEREAS, the TIEZA has already committed to finance the establishment of resort infrastructure for F.S. Catanico Falls, the Bigaan Falls and the Manlumot Falls.

WHEREAS, despite the beauty of these water falls, few people know about it and few people actually visit it because of the lack of infrastructure;

WHEREAS, ever since my 1<sup>st</sup> term in the House of Representatives, I have already been requesting TIEZA to fund the construction of infrastructure for these water falls including the roads leading to them;

WHEREAS, until today, there are still no infrastructure established in these tourist destinations nor the roads leading to these falls;

WHEREAS, there is a need to look into this delay and determine the cause of the same;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to construct roads leading to these tourist destinations and the construction of infrastructure facilities in these falls in order for the City to showcase to the world the hidden beauty of its water falls and other tourist destinations.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Tourism to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the above issue and thus serve notice to all concerned, including the Department of Tourism, the TIEZA and such other entities and corporations which may shed light and resolve the issue

Adopted,

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