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Introduced by Hon. Cinchona Cruz-Gonzales

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE AND SENTIMENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE IN SUPPORT OF THE "CLARK GREEN CITY" MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN PREPARED BY THE BASES CONVERSION AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Article II Section 9 of the 1987 Constitution states that: "The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all".

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 1 decrees the following: "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."

"The State shall promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, and which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets. However, the State shall protect Filipino enterprises against unfair foreign competition and trade practices."

"In pursuit of these goals, all sectors of the economy shall be given optimum opportunity to develop. Private enterprises, including corporations, cooperatives and similar collective organizations shall be encouraged to broaden the base of ownership."

WHEREAS, The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA), is among the prime movers of national development. BCDA is mandated under RA 7227 to transform former US military bases and local Metro Manila camps into alternative productive civilian uses and premier centers of economic growth in partnership with the private sector with integrity, excellence and stewardship of government resources.

BCDA remains a major force in creating and expanding economic opportunities for Filipinos in the country through its establishment of integrated developments, dynamic business centers and vibrant communities. BCDA engages in public-private partnerships to push forward vital public infrastructure such as tollways, airports, seaports, and also major real estate developments, all for the upliftment of the quality of lives of the Filipinos.

WHEREAS, the state-owned BCDA announced on 26 July 2013, the development of the country's newest and most modern city half the size of Metro Manila that will be named "Clark Green City". Set to rise within the 36,000-hectare property north of the

Clark Freeport and Special Economic Zone main zone is a 9,450-hectare metropolis (CFSEZ). This planned city landscape is touted to be the new urban core north of Manila that will host businesses, domestic and international trade, conferences, research development, tourism regional; an national government and international headquarters. Main Zone is a 9,450-hectare metropolis. The plan is to start developing 1,321 hectares under the first phase.

WHEREAS, BCDA envisions a City more modern than the Bonifacio Global in Taguig, one of the major success projects implemented by BCDA. This new project will cover areas of Capas and Bamban towns in Tarlac and Mabalacat City in Pampanga. The "Clark Green City" will be environmentally sustainable, socially inclusive competitive, culturally relevant and technologically integrated. This will provide the catalyst for the economic development of surrounding local government units. The huge area for the BCDA project plus the different economic activities in the Green City, will render unprecedented economic growth benefiting Central Luzon and the two freeports of Subic Bay and Clark.

WHEREAS, the development of the Clark Green City will be greener, smarter and safer. Compared to Metro Manila, the CFSEZ where the Clark Green City I located has low susceptibility to floodings, landslides and earthquakes.

WHEREAS, the proposed "Clark Green City" will play a major role in easing the pressure on Metro Manila and showcase what the country can offer in terms of urban planning and sustainable development with the trend in building sustainable and modern cities in major countries around the world, through Clark Green City, the Philippines will be able to show our neighbors that our country can likewise make a huge step in modern, sustainable development.

WHEREAS, the urbanization trend in the Philippines has been faster in the last 50 years. In 1960, only 8 million Filipinos lived in urban areas and the remaining 19 million lived in rural locations. In 2000, the BCDA said the trend has reversed with 39 million Filipinos living in cities and 37.5 million living in rural areas. In 2010, the BCDA said 49% of Filipinos or some 46 million people live in urban areas. This means that roughly 1 out of 2 Filipinos live in a city. Urbanization in the Philippines is bound to continue. The BCDA said that by 2030, some 3 out of 4 Filipinos will be living in cities. Hence, BCDA believes that there is a need to build another metropolis and chose to pattern the Clark Green City to South Korea's Songdo. "Urbanization in the Philippines is concentrated in the NCR, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, and Bulacan," the BCDA said in a presentation. There is a need to create a new metropolitan area like Smart Cities Worldwide.

WHEREAS, approximately P59-billion that will be used for the first five (5) years of development will come mostly from the private sector through the 'Public-Private Partnership program. This will be a fifty (50) year development. At full development, the Clark Green City" will approximately cost P607 billion. The green metropolis would be a mix of industrial, institutional and commercial areas, which would apply green technologies. Renewable energy from sustaining sources will be used by all facilities and buildings in "Clark Green City". It will be a place where one's home, place of work, and places of recreation are within walking or biking distances from each other. It will be a place where everyone is connected by both culture and technology. And with sustainability as number one priority in building the city, it is truly designed with future generations in mind.

WHEREAS, the Clark Green City project will attract billions in investments and generate thousands of jobs, boost the economy and sustain inclusive growth. The Clark Green City project is expected to generate as much as P1.57 trillion in revenues every year, at

least 4% share in the National Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and as many as 925,000 new jobs, upon full completion of the planned development.

WHEREAS, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) has approved on 6 August 2013 the master plan for the development of 9,400 hectares of idle land within the CFSEZ as a "green" city. The NEDA Infrastructure Committee (InfraCom) has endorsed the master plan for the Clark Green City to President Benigno Aquino III for final approval. This project promises to be one of the most important destinations not just in Central Luzon, but the country as a whole, for local and international residents, locators and investors.

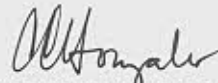
WHEREAS, considering that the House of Representatives represents a broader spectrum of the Philippine society, both in geographical and sectoral terms, the members of the House of Representatives agree to and support the general framework and broad features and objectives of this proposed "Clark Green City" Master Development Plan

WHEREAS, in the interest of sound and effective management, the House of Representatives in collaboration with the Executive Department will adopt greater latitude in responding to unforeseen future conditions which may require timely and appropriate action beyond the contemplation of the Plan.

WHEREAS, for purposes of effective implementation, it is essential that the BCDA coordinate with other government agencies as well as to the different local government units for the formulation of appropriate strategies, plans and timetable to attain the targets set forth in the Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives express its sense and sentiment in support of the general framework and broad features and objectives of this proposed "Clark Green City" Master Development Plan.

Adopted,



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