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RESOLUTION No. 37

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCEREST CONCERN OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI THAT DEVASTATED THE COUNTRY ON MARCH 11, 2011

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, at 2:46 in the afternoon (12:46 a.m. ET), a very powerful 9 magnitude earthquake hit the northeast coast of Japan, triggering tsunamis as high as 30 feet that swept across rice fields, engulfed entire towns, dragged houses onto highways, tossed cars and boats, thus

causing massive loss of lives, injuring countless others, and displacing tens of thousands of people;

WHEREAS, reports say that estimated losses will total at least \$100 billion, including \$20 billion in damage to residences and \$40 billion in damage to infrastructure such as roads, rails and port facilities and at least three (3) nuclear reactors which prompted massive evacuation of the residents of the affected areas and the declaration of a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the world's seventh strongest and most destructive earthquake in the last 100 years and the strongest to hit Japan in recent history, and which, by far, according to the Prime Minister of Japan, Naoto Kan, *"in the 65 years after the end of World War II, the toughest and most difficult crisis for Japan"*, the people continue to be distressed by numerous aftershocks, insufficient food and water supply, massive power outages, and even heat for the affected people, as tens of thousands of missing people are still beyond the reach of rescue workers;

WHEREAS, while the Kyodo News Agency reported that more than 15,000 people were rescued and 1,598 officially declared dead, the final death toll could be exponentially higher according to official sources from Japan;

WHEREAS, emergency rescue teams and other offers of assistance, support and relief have already come from several countries and the European Union;

WHEREAS, His Excellency President Benigno Simeon Aquino III, in his letter to Prime Minister Kan, extended the support and assistance of the Philippine government as Japan strives to cope with the aftermath of this tragic event;

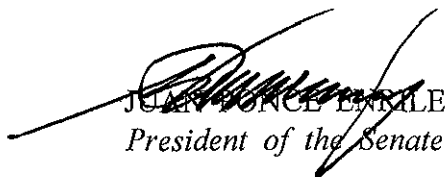
WHEREAS, the Philippines continues to remember, with appreciation, the Government and the people of Japan for all the emergency and humanitarian assistance it had extended to our people during our own times of crises brought about by natural disasters, and as a major source of development funds, trade, investment and tourism;

WHEREAS, the whole Philippine nation sincerely expresses admiration and sympathy to the Japanese people who, although faced with the most severe crisis, still possess incredible resilience and courage to overcome any destruction and loss, and manifests its high hopes and fervent prayer that they will surmount the challenges ahead: Now, therefore, be it


Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express, as it hereby expresses, its profound sympathy and sincerest concern and compassion for the people of Japan and its Government following the ravaging earthquake and tsunami on March 11, 2011.

Resolved, further, To express its solidarity with and support to the people and government of Japan and affirm our strong unwavering friendship as they rebuild their cities and their lives.

Adopted,


 JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 14, 2011.


 EMMA LIRIO-REYES
Secretary of the Senate

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