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RESOLUTION NO. 75

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, ILIGAN CITY, NEGROS ORIENTAL, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND BUKIDNON AS A RESULT OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM “SENDONG” (INTERNATIONAL NAME “WASHI”) ON DECEMBER 17, 2011

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2011, tropical storm “Sendong” (international name “Washi”) dropped over 181 millimeters (mm) of rainfall in less than 24 hours, equivalent to more than

a month of rain, thus causing severe flash flooding to the Northern Mindanao region of the Philippines, in particular the cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro which were hit the worst, and that the area has suffered severe damage and human loss;

WHEREAS, as a result of this tropical storm, almost 1,000 people died, hundreds more are missing, and nearly 100,000 Filipinos have been displaced after the flood waters destroyed everything in its path during the late hours of the night, majority of whom were from Iligan City in Lanao del Norte, and Cagayan de Oro City in Misamis Oriental, the two cities hit hardest by the storm, while the rest of the casualties were from Sibulan, Valencia, Dumaguete City in Negros Oriental; Zamboanga del Norte; Compostela Valley; and Bukidnon;

WHEREAS, the death toll is expected to increase as authorities continue their search and retrieval operations for missing people, including those swept out to sea when the surging water struck the coastal cities of Cagayan de Oro and nearby Iligan;

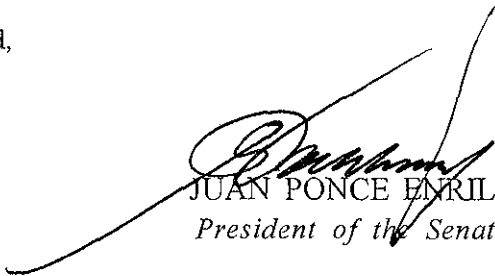
WHEREAS, a large number of victims residing in houses along the river banks were likewise swept away or buried in mud when the river swelled;

WHEREAS, the devastating flash floods which are said to be the worst in the history of Cagayan de Oro City and Iligan City, reveal the increasing severity of typhoons that residents must be prepared for and the increasing vulnerability of the residents of Northern Mindanao against disasters and calamities: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To express its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the deaths of hundreds of residents in Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan City, Negros Oriental, Zamboanga del Norte, Compostela Valley and


Bukidnon as a result of the devastation caused by tropical storm "Sendong" (international name "Washi") on December 17, 2011.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 17, 2012.



EMMA LIRIO-BEYES
Secretary of the Senate

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