

Republic of the Philippines  
Congress of the Philippines  
**Senate**  
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RESOLUTION No. 53

RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE  
GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT FOR THEIR VALOR  
AND SERVICE IN THE RESCUE AND RECOVERY  
OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FOLLOWING THE  
MAGNITUDE 7.8 EARTHQUAKE IN TÜRKIYE  
AND SYRIA

WHEREAS, last 6 February 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Türkiye and Syria, causing catastrophic damage to properties and infrastructures, as well as numerous casualties and injuries among the people of both countries;

WHEREAS, in response to the call for help and to aid in the rescue and recovery operations conducted, the Philippine

Government sent a contingent of 82 personnel, composed of the following:

1) Thirty-three (33) members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, twenty-one (21) of whom are from the 525<sup>th</sup> Engineer Combat Battalion, 51<sup>st</sup> Brigade of the Philippine Army and twelve (12) are from the 505<sup>th</sup> Search and Rescue Group of the Philippine Air Force;

2) Nine (9) personnel from the Metro Manila Development Authority;

3) Eight (8) personnel from the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority;

4) Two (2) personnel from the Office of Civil Defense; and

5) Thirty (30) personnel from the Department of Health, composed of seven (7) doctors, eight (8) nurses, two (2) medical technologists, and two (2) pharmacists, as well as other logistical officers;

WHEREAS, the contingent, on behalf of our country, brought goods such as clothing, sleeping kits, and hygiene and sanitary kits, which are much needed by the people affected by the disaster;

WHEREAS, through their bravery, dedication, and determination, the Philippine Government contingent contributed significantly to the rescue and recovery operations in Türkiye and provided necessary aid and support to those affected by the earthquake;

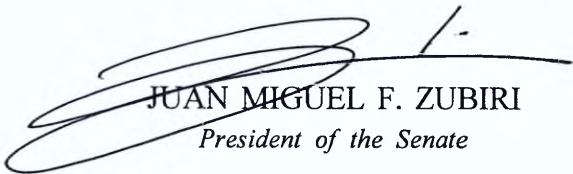
WHEREAS, their acts of selflessness, sacrifice, and valor in service to humanity are worthy of praise and commendation, as they exemplify the spirit of heroism and bayanihan that the Filipino people are known for: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, To commend the Philippine Government contingent sent to Türkiye for their outstanding performance and contribution to the rescue and recovery operations in the aftermath of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023;*

*Resolved, further, To recognize and commend all the men and women of service who were part of the Philippine contingent for their bravery, dedication, and determination in providing aid and support to those affected by the tragedy in Türkiye and Syria;*

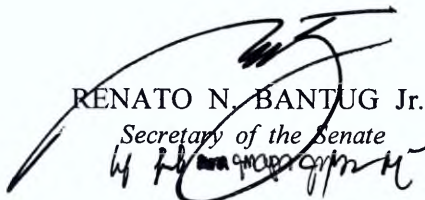
*Resolved, finally, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Health, Office of Civil Defense, Metro Manila Development Authority and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.*

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2023.



RENATO N. BANTUG Jr.  
*Secretary of the Senate*