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RESOLUTION

CALLING THE ATTENTION OF THE CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY TYPHOON "EMONG" TO THE TOWNS OF BANI, BOLINAO, AGNO, AND A PART OF ALAMINOS, PROVINCE OF PANGASINAN, AND TO EXTEND IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL AND RELIEF ASSISTANCE TO HELP THE RESIDENTS THEREIN RECOVER FROM THE CALAMITY, RECONSTRUCT THEIR SHELTER AND OTHER COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AND RESTORE THEIR SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5 of the Philippine Constitution states that "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, Typhoon "Emong", entered the Philippines' area of responsibility on 07 May 2009, affecting several regions and provinces in the Northern part of the country and hitting the province of Pangasinan the strongest;

WHEREAS, according to the latest National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) Update on the effects of typhoon "Emong" dated 19 May 2009, a total of 79,527 families, or 385,833 individuals were affected, 297,802 of which are from Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, "Emong" left the country, specifically regions, I, II, III, and CAR with a total of 60 people dead, 53 injured and 13 missing. Out of this statistic, 32 of the dead, 25 of the injured and 4 of the missing are from Pangasinan;

WHEREAS, "Emong" damaged thousands of houses, infrastructures, school buildings and agricultural lands, in the affected regions and provinces. The total estimated cost of damages in affected areas amounts to PhP 1,280,897,383. Cost of damage to infrastructure and agriculture alone in Pangasinan is estimated at PhP 694,700,481;

WHEREAS, due to that damage and destruction caused by typhoon "Emong" to the lives and properties in the affected areas, the NDCC has declared a State of Calamity in the 1st District of Pangasinan namely: Anda, Bolinao, Alaminos City, Infanta, Mabini, Bani, Sual, Agno, Dasol and Burgos.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to call the attention of the concerned agencies of the National Government to the devastation caused by Typhoon "Emong" to the Province of Pangasinan, and to extend immediate financial and relief assistance to help the residents therein recover from the calamity, reconstruct their shelters and other community facilities, and restore their services of livelihood.

ADOPTED,

JUAN PONCE ENRILE

Senator