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Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE ON THE LOSS OF LIVES CAUSED BY THE EARTHQUAKE THAT STRUCK VISAYAS ON FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, on February 6, 2012, a 6.9 magnitude earthquake occurred offshore Tayasan, Negros Oriental at 11:49 a.m.;

**WHEREAS**, 157 aftershocks were recorded in the same areas affected after the earthquake;

**WHEREAS**, various areas in Visayas felt the tremor, with Dumaguete City and Villahermoso in Negros Oriental, La Carlota City and La Castellana in Negros Occidental and Argao in Cebu experiencing very strong and destructive earthquake intensities;

**WHEREAS**, a strong earthquake intensity was also felt in Roxas City, Dao and Ivisan in the province of Capiz; Iloilo City; Guimaras; Candoni, Binalbagan, San Carlos City, Bacolod City and Sagay City in Negros Occidental; Lapu-Lapu City and Cebu City in the province of Cebu, Tagbilaran City in Bohol and Ayungon, Canlaon City in the province of Negros Oriental;

**WHEREAS**, a total of 15 casualties was reported as of February 7, 2012, mostly in Negros Oriental;

**WHEREAS**, three of these casualties were schoolchildren who were pinned down by collapsed concrete walls of their schools;

**WHEREAS**, 29 people who were allegedly buried in an earthquake-triggered landslide in Barangay Planas, Guillhugan, Negros Oriental remain missing;

**WHEREAS**, the deaths and damages caused by the recent earthquake pose another hardship to Negros Oriental, a province still reeling from the onslaught of Typhoon Sendong in December 2011;

**WHEREAS**, it is the mandate of the State to save and protect lives from destructive earthquakes through disaster risk reduction, such as identifying the earthquake hazard areas within the country; evaluating the structural integrity of all schools and buildings; and ensuring that schools and buildings are structurally and organizationally resilient to earthquakes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved, to express the profound sympathy and sincere condolences of the Senate on the loss of lives caused by the earthquake that struck Visayas on February 6, 2012.

Adopted,



**LOREN LEGARDA**  
Senator