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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR THE TRAGIC LOSS OF SOME 190 LIVES WHEN
SOUTH KOREAN VESSEL MV SEWOL CAPSIZED ON 16 APRIL 2014 OFF THE
COAST OF GWANMAEDO ISLAND, SOUTH KOREA

WHEREAS, MV Sewol was en route to Jeju from Incheon on the evening of 15 April 2014 and was expected to reach its destination about 13.5 hours from departure;

WHEREAS, despite fair weather conditions the ship started to take on water sometime in the morning of 16 April 2014 and at 8:58 a.m. KST the coast guard received the report that the ship was capsizing some 2.7 kilometers off the coast of Gwanmaedo Island;

WHEREAS, the ship was carrying 476 passengers on board, 323 of whom were students on a field trip to Jeju Island;

WHEREAS, one week after the incident, roughly three-fourths of the 323 students as well as nearly one-third of the 153 other passengers on board MV Sewol have been reported dead or missing;

WHEREAS, this tragic loss of lives is mourned by the international community, particularly considering the loss of young lives ripe with the promise of the future;

WHEREAS, South Korea has always been a friend nation of the Philippines with the latter being the first country to participate and help in the Korean War and South Korea being among the first nations who readily and generously helped the Philippines both in financial aid as well as troop reinforcement when the country was grieving over the loss of thousands of lives due to super typhoon Yolanda (internationally known as "Haiyan");

WHEREAS, the Senate of the Philippines stands as one with the South Korean nation as it grieves for its devastating loss;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Senate of the Philippines expresses profound sympathy and condolences of the to the Republic of Korea for the tragic loss of some 190 lives when South Korean vessel MV Sewol capsized on 16 April 2014 off the coast of Gwanmaedo Island, South Korea.

Adopted,


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Senator