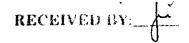


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## Introduced by Senator Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REHABILITATION EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT PARTICULARLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSING AND/OR DECENT SHELTER FOR THE VICTIMS OF SUPER TYPHOON YOLANDA

**WHEREAS,** on November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon Yolanda hit the Philippines and left a trail of massive devastation that includes loss of lives and extensive damage to properties;

**WHEREAS,** Super Typhoon Yolanda greatly affected the Visayas Region with the highest number of fatalities and destruction of residential structures in the provinces of Leyte<sup>1</sup> and Samar;

**WHEREAS**, tent cities were built in the damaged areas to provide temporary shelter for thousands of families that were rendered homeless by the Super Typhoon;

**WHEREAS**, approximately six (6) months have passed since the calamity and still majority of the victims is still living in tent cities;

**WHEREAS**, various organizations and individuals, both from the Philippines and abroad have pledged donations and relief efforts for the recovery and rehabilitation of the aforesaid damaged areas and yet no substantial improvements were implemented to ensure that the typhoon victims are. provided decent and safe shelter;

**WHEREAS,** the typhoon victims cannot fully recover from the wrath of Super Typhoon Yolanda if they will not be relocated to a safe and decent shelter that are appropriate for normal living conditions;

WHEREAS, proper investigation should be done to know the reason why despite huge donations and relief efforts from various organizations and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2013/11/14/1256652/areas-severely-affected-yolanda.

individuals, no permanent relocation sites were constructed for the typhoon victims;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the rehabilitation efforts of the government particularly the construction of housing and/or decent shelter for the victims of Super Typhoon Yolanda.

Adopted,

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Senator