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RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FINANCE, TO UPDATE AND ASSESS, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REBUILDING AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS IN REGION VII, IN PARTICULAR THE PROVINCES OF BOHOL AND CEBU, THE STATUS OF FAMILIES AND PROPERTIES AFFECTED BY THE OCTOBER 15, 2013 EARTHQUAKE IN THE REGION AND OTHER LOCALITIES.

WHEREAS, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Region VII on October 15, 2013, killing 222 individuals and injuring 976 others.¹

WHEREAS, the earthquake affected 671,103 families and displaced 71,822 others, severely disrupting their lives.

WHEREAS, the earthquake damaged 73,002 houses and caused Php 2,257,337,182.90 worth of damage to roads, buildings, hospitals and other public buildings.

WHEREAS, the earthquake also damaged the following churches in Cebu and Bohol:

- Church of San Pedro, Apostol (Bohol)
- Church of Our Lady of Light (Bohol)
- Santissima Trinidad Paris (Bohol)
- Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception (Bohol)
- Church of Our Lady of the Assumption (Bohol)
- San Nicolas Church (Bohol)
- Santa Cruz Parish (Bohol)
- Basilica Minore del Santo Niño (Cebu)
- Cebu Metropolitan Cathedral (Cebu)

WHEREAS, a total of Php 73,380,000 worth of assistance been distributed to Regions VI and VII by the DSWD, DOH, LGUs, NGOs.

WHEREAS, the following countries and international organizations families in Bohol also received aid from the following countries² and organizations:

- Australia- Au\$ 3.1 million (P124 million)
- USAid- \$50,000 worth of non-food relief

¹ National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. "SitRep No. 35, re Effects of Magnitude 7.2 Sagbayan, Bohol Earthquake" Retrieved from http://ndrrmc.gov.ph/attachments/article/1330/Effects_of_Magnitude_7_2_Sagbayan_Bohol_Earthquake_Situational_Report_No_35_as_of_03NOV2013_0600H.pdf

² Guillermo, J. "Bohol Earthquake Latest Figures" *The Manila Bulletin* (November 06, 2013). Retrieved from: <http://www.mb.com.ph/bohol-earthquake-latest-figures/#CoPPrsxtZ7PwGv7w.99>

- Japan- 38M yen (P16.7 million)
- South Korea- \$300,000 (P12.9 million)
- European Union- 2.5 million Euros (P148 million)
- Taiwan- Government gave \$100,000 (P4.3 million); NGOs gave P3 million
- US Embassy- \$50,000
- Malaysia- 100,000 ringgits (for children)
- Germany- P13.7 million pledge
- UN World Food Program- 1,000 metric tons of rice and 15 metric tons of biscuits
- Singapore Red Cross- \$100,000 worth of relief goods
- Oxfam International- 400 water treatment solutions

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to urge the Senate Committees on Local Government and Finance, to update and assess, in aid of legislation, the rebuilding and reconstruction efforts in Region VII, in particular the provinces of Bohol and Cebu, and the status of families and properties affected by the October 15, 2013 earthquake in the region and other localities.

Adopted,


GRACE POE