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Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

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**A RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RAMPANT CUTTING OF FOREST TREES WHICH RESULTED TO FLASH FLOODS IN THE PROVINCES OF NUEVA ECIIJA, AURORA AND QUEZON AS WELL AS SOME PARTS OF THE BICOL REGION.**

**Whereas**, flash floods have been a regular occurrence whenever a typhoon passes through the country;

**Whereas**, the major cause of these floods is the recognized denudation of our forests;

**Whereas**, the recent tragedy that afflicted the residents of Aurora, Nueva Ecija and Quezon provinces as well as some parts of the Bicol Region has resulted in the loss of lives, properties and livelihood in those areas;

**Whereas**, reports show that these tragedies would not have happened if not for the rampant cutting of trees as shown by the fact that the injuries, death and damage to properties are caused by logs and mud brought down by flood waters;

**Whereas**, there is an urgent need to address this problem to avert future loss of lives and destruction to property;

**Whereas**, there is likewise a need to examine the programs of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the prevention of further destruction to our forests and the rehabilitation thereof;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to look into, in aid of legislation, the pressing problem of destruction of our forests which cause the flash floods in the above-mentioned provinces and Region.

Adopted,

*Pia S. Cayetano*  
**COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**  
Senator