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Introduced by Senators Richard J. Gordon and Edgardo J. Angara

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A  
CULTURE OF DISASTER PREPAREDNESS IN THE  
PHILIPPINES THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF  
SCIENTIFIC TOOLS AND THE DISSEMINATION OF  
DISASTER REACTION MANUALS**

Whereas, the Asia-Pacific Region was recently struck by a catastrophic tsunami that wreaked havoc from Africa to Thailand and claimed more than 300,000 lives, and the Philippines in particular, is geographically located within the Circum-Pacific belt of fire and typhoon and is usually the first country to be hit by typhoons from the Pacific Ocean, and is equally prone to earthquakes and volcanic eruption;

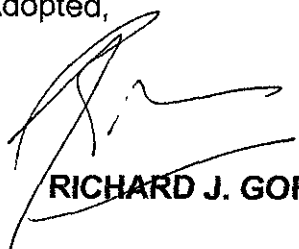
Whereas, given the country's vulnerability to disasters, there is a need to utilize scientific tools such as geological hazard mapping to determine danger zones in the country and disseminate information for disaster preparedness to instill a culture of disaster preparedness among our people;

Whereas, the Philippine Senate adopted a Resolution on May 3, 2005, commending former Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology Director and Philippine National Red Cross Governor Dr. Raymundo S. Punongbayan, PHIVOLCS personnel and Philippine Air Force (PAF) personnel who gave their lives during the hazard-mapping mission and seeking to honor their sacrifice by finishing the work that they started;

Whereas, during the 112<sup>th</sup> Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly, the Philippine delegation was able to successfully propose a resolution that was adopted by the assembly recognizing the role of parliaments in the prevention, rehabilitation, reconstruction and protection of groups that are vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters, and further encouraged the creation of Regional Disaster, Training, Logistics and Reaction Centres in collaboration with international humanitarian organizations and their local counterparts such as the Philippine National Red Cross as well as local disaster coordinating councils to train local field disaster response teams, share international technical know-how, expertise, technology and other information relating to disaster prevention training, and management;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to recommend, as it hereby recommends, the printing and dissemination of a disaster awareness, preparation and preparedness manual for distribution to the public and private sector throughout the country, to be spearheaded by the Philippine National Red Cross, the National Disaster Coordinating Council, and the PHIVOLCS.

Adopted,

  
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