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RESOLUTION

**HONORING THE LIFE OF SERVICE OF BULACAN RESCUE TEAM MEMBERS
GEORGE E. AGUSTIN, TROY JUSTIN P. AGUSTIN, MARBY A. BARTOLOME,
JERSON L. RESURRECCION, AND NARCISO CALAYAG, JR., AND
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF
THE SENATE ON THEIR UNFORTUNATE PASSING**

1 WHEREAS, on September 22, 2022, typhoon Karding, known internationally as
2 typhoon Noru, entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility. While moving
3 southwestward to the Luzon landmass, it intensified into a Severe Tropical Storm. In
4 the morning of September 25, 2022, it underwent rapid intensification, reaching a
5 Super Typhoon category;

6 WHEREAS, Super Typhoon Karding was estimated to have maximum sustained
7 winds of 195 km/h and tagged to be the strongest cyclone to hit Luzon. As such,
8 different Tropical Cyclone Wind Signals (TCWS) were raised in different provinces from
9 TCWS No. 1 to TCWS No.5;

10 WHEREAS, due to the expected onslaught of Super Typhoon Karding, school
11 and work suspension for September 26, 2022 was announced Sunday afternoon in
12 eight Luzon regions including flight cancellations to and from Manila;

13 WHEREAS, relevant government agencies were mobilized to prepare for and
14 respond to the expected devastation of Super Typhoon Karding especially those
15 residing in danger zones; Evacuation centers were readied including transport and
16 evacuation operations;

17 WHEREAS, on the night of September 25, 2022, while preparing for the strong
18 winds and rains brought by the super typhoon, disaster response teams were deployed

1 in affected local government units. They were dispatched to conduct rescue operations
2 in the flooded areas including the Bulacan Rescue Team composed of George E.
3 Agustin of Calumpit, Troy Justin P. Agustin of Sta. Rita, Marby A. Bartolome of
4 Guiguinto, Jerson L. Resurreccion of Sta. Maria, and Narciso Calayag, Jr. of Malolos
5 City;

6 WHEREAS, after the onslaught, the devastation brought about by the super
7 typhoon became more evident. Villages and farmlands were submerged in floodwater
8 putting both lives and livelihood in peril;

9 WHEREAS, according to reports, while conducting rescue operations in San
10 Miguel Bulacan, the Bulacan rescue team had to use a boat after their truck broke
11 down on their way to their mission. Due to a flash flood, a wall collapsed and hit them
12 which caused their untimely deaths;¹

13 WHEREAS, time and again, disasters have been known to bring fear as well as
14 a sense of despair among people. For Filipinos, however, these self-same disasters
15 also bring out the best in us.. Time and again, Filipinos have shown their willingness
16 to risk their own safety so that others may live. The Bulacan Rescue Team was
17 certainly among these notable Filipinos whose deeds were above and beyond the call
18 of duty;

19 WHEREAS, the Bulacan Rescue Team, then, should be flooded by high praises,
20 and their memory must live on, never to be washed away from our hearts.

21 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved,
22 To honor the life of service of Bulacan Rescue Team Members George E. Agustin, Troy
23 Justin P. Agustin, Marby A. Bartolome, Jerson L. Resurreccion, and Narciso Calayag,
24 Jr., and to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolences on their
25 unfortunate passing.

Adopted,


RONALD "BATO" DELA ROSA

¹ <https://www.gmanetwork.com/news/topstories/regions/846027/4-rescuers-dead-1-missing-in-bulacan-due-to-karding-gov/story/>