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SENATE
P.S. Res. No. 480

Introduced by **Senator Raffy T. Tulfo**

RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE
TO THE CASUALTIES OF THE DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKES
IN TURKEY AND SYRIA

1 WHEREAS, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Turkey and Syria on February
2 6, 2023 which resulted in widespread damage and the sudden loss of 34,000 lives and
3 continues to rise by the hour.

4 WHEREAS, of the 4000 Filipinos living in Turkey, 248 were affected and of the
5 850 Filipinos living in Syria, 60 of them were also devastated.

6 WHEREAS, it is with heavy heart that we learned of the death of two (2) Filipino
7 nationals among the victims of this tragedy; one of them is an overseas Filipino worker
8 (OFW) and the other one, a Filipina married to a Turkish national.

9 WHEREAS, both bodies are already being repatriated back to the Philippines by
10 the concerned agencies in touch with their families.

11 WHEREAS, evacuation operations are still on going and the affected Filipinos
12 are being shuttled to safe shelters where they are currently receiving assistance and
13 care from both the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Department of
14 Migrant Workers (DMW).

15 WHEREAS, the Senate supports all humanitarian efforts initiated by the DFA,
16 DMW, and Overseas Workers and Welfare Administration (OWWA), especially in

1 ensuring that every OFW will get the proper assistance in case they will be displaced
2 from work.

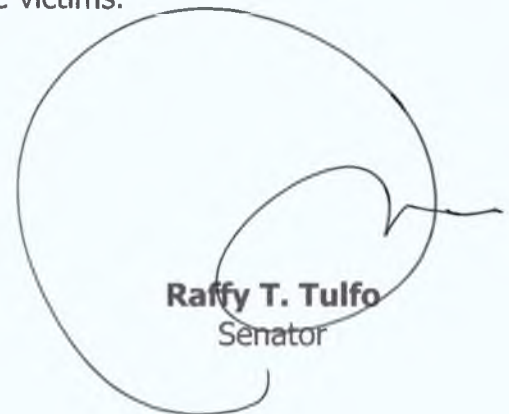
3 WHEREAS, the Filipino people have always shown remarkable resilience in the
4 face of adversity, and their courage in the aftermath of this disaster is a testament to
5 their strength of spirit;

6 RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines extends its heartfelt condolences
7 to the families and loved ones of the Filipinos who died and expresses its solidarity
8 with the entire Filipino community in Turkey and Syria;

9 RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Senate extends its ardent prayers and continues
10 to be one with the global community in providing comfort to the people of Turkey and
11 Syria during these very challenging times.

12 RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 Department of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of the Philippines in Turkey and Syria,
14 to be disseminated to the families and loved ones of the victims.

Approved,



Raffy T. Tulfo
Senator