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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKES ON 6 FEBRUARY 2023 IN SYRIA AND TURKEY

Whereas, on 6 February 2023, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck southeastern Turkey and northwestern Syria, followed by a 7.5 magnitude tremor that caused numerous aftershocks¹;

Whereas, the quakes resulted in the collapse of buildings, houses, and historical sites across the region and directly affected 26 million people within both countries²;

Whereas, as of date, the estimated death toll is at 40,000³. Included among those reportedly killed were Two Filipinos⁴;

Whereas, rescue and relief operations are still ongoing to ascertain the real extent of loss and damage to life and property from the ruinous natural disaster;

Whereas, when the country was struck by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, Turkey was one of the countries that extended assistance to our countrymen in Leyte and

¹https://www.france24.com/en/middle-east/20230207-live-death-toll-from-turkey-syria-earthquakes-surpasses-4-000

² https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/2023/02/13/turkey-syria-earthquake-updates-deaths/
³https://www.aljazeera.com/amp/news/liveblog/2023/2/14/turkey-syria-earthquake-live-news-death-toll-tops-36000

⁴https://www.manilatimes.net/2023/02/11/news/national/2-filipinos-confirmed-dead-in-turkey-quake/1878104

other parts of Eastern Samar, which to some extent had eased their pain and $suffering^5$;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it hereby resolved, for the Senate of the Philippines to express, as it hereby expresses, its deepest sympathies and condolences to the victims of the earthquakes on 6 February 2023 in Syria and Turkey.

Adopted,

FRANCIS "TOL" N. TOLENTINO
Senator

⁵https://mb.com.ph/2023/02/12/utang-ng-loob-romualdez-office-to-donate-100000-to-turkey-quake-victims/