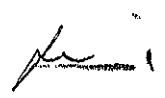


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RESOLUTION
EXTENDING THE HEARTFELT SYMPATHY OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE TO
THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN OVER THE DAMAGE TO LIFE AND PROPERTY
CAUSED BY THE 9 OCTOBER 2005 EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, last 9 October 2005, a major earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 on the Richter scale struck cities and villages across the South Asian subcontinent, leaving more than 30,000 people dead;

WHEREAS, the quake was centered in the forested mountains of Pakistani Kashmir, near the Indian border, and violently jolted large parts of northern Pakistan, as well as parts of India and Afghanistan;

WHEREAS, reported casualties increased by the hour; national and international rescue teams promptly responded to find survivors and treat the injured;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the deaths was in Pakistan; Pakistani Kashmir's capital Muzaffarabad was the worst-hit city, with 11,000 people dead;

WHEREAS, India reported 465 deaths and more than 900 injured people, while Afghanistan reported at least four deaths;

WHEREAS, the earthquake struck in the morning as schools were beginning classes; hundreds if not thousands of children died when cheaply built concrete school buildings collapsed while others were engulfed by landslides;

WHEREAS, a number of cities and towns have been completely destroyed; several affected areas have not been reached by rescuers because landslides triggered by the quake had wiped out roads;

WHEREAS, the earthquake is said to be the strongest to hit South Asia in a century; it would take years for Pakistan to recover from the damage to life and property caused by the catastrophe;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to extend the heartfelt sympathy of the Philippine Senate to the people of Pakistan over the damage to life and property caused by the 9 October 2005 earthquake.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO