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Introduced by **SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO**

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**A RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
THE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**WHEREAS**, July 2006 has been declared by the National Disaster Coordinating Council as National Disaster Consciousness Month, with the theme, "*Itaguyod ang Kaunlaran ng Bayan, Kalamidad ay Paghandaan*";

**WHEREAS**, the economic development of a country is hampered, when it is hit by a disaster;

**WHEREAS**, the recent tsunami in Indonesia posting a current death toll of 531, has again raised concerns that the warning system being installed after a similar disaster hit it in 2004, is still in its early stages;

**WHEREAS**, the possibility of a tsunami hitting the Philippines is not discounted, as it is situated in the *Pacific Ring of Fire*, where earthquakes are a frequent occurrence;

**WHEREAS**, the spate of incidences, which have hit the Philippines in the past few weeks, such as the Baguio landslide; and the increased volcanic activity of Mt. Bulusan, Mt. Mayon and Taal Volcano have put in issue the state of disaster preparedness of the country;

**WHEREAS**, the unquantifiable human cost of disasters can only be mitigated, if not averted, by sufficient disaster preparation;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the appropriate Senate committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the disaster preparedness of the Philippines.

*Adopted.*

  
SENATOR COMPAÑERA PIA S. CAYETANO