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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE USE OF THE P9,000,000,000 CALAMITY FUND INCLUDING THE CALAMITY ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION EFFORT (CARE) FUND FOR THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOONS MILENYO, PAENG, REMING AND SENIANG**

**WHEREAS**, RA 9401, The General Appropriations Act, for the Fiscal Year 2007 allocated P9,000,000,000 for the Calamity Fund;

**WHEREAS**, the Calamity Fund is intended for the relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and other works or services in connection with natural calamities, epidemics as declared by the DOH, and crises resulting from armed conflicts and unlawful acts of insurgents, terrorists and other criminals, which may occur during the budget year or those that occurred in prior years, including pre-disaster activities such as preparation of relocation sites/facilities, and training of personnel engaged in direct disaster management;

**WHEREAS**, P8,000,000,000 of the appropriated Calamity Fund is intended for the Calamity Assistance and Rehabilitation Effort (CARE);

**WHEREAS**, the Calamity Assistance and Rehabilitation Effort (CARE) is intended for the rehabilitation, repair and reconstruction works and activities in areas devastated by typhoons Milenyo, Paeng, Reming and Seniang which wreck havoc in many parts of the country including the Bicol Region in 2006;

**WHEREAS**, the release of the said funds shall be made directly to the appropriate implementing agencies and/or concerned local government units in accordance with the recommendation of the National Disaster Coordinating Council and approval of the President of the Philippines;

**WHEREAS**, the said fund allocated P5,000,000,000 for the Bicol Region and P770,000,000 was released to Albay Province;

**WHEREAS**, in a newspaper article, The Bicol Care Commission reported the completion of almost 100 percent of the projects in the region;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC) together with the undersigned went to Libon, Albay on March 18, 2008 to distribute relief goods to the residents of the said town which was battered by heavy rains that caused massive floodings and displaced many residents;

**WHEREAS**, almost a year after the release of the Calamity Fund, the Bicol Region has not yet totally recovered from Typhoon Reming and different towns are suffering from continuous flooding;

**WHEREAS**, there have been allegations of anomalies in the release and misuse of funds including the allocated fund for the repair of school buildings and dredging projects;

**WHEREAS**, the concerned government agencies must submit a report to Congress on the use of the allocated Calamity Fund;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the use of the P9,000,000,000 Calamity Fund including the Calamity Assistance and Rehabilitation Effort (CARE) fund for the victims of Typhoons Milenyo, Paeng, Reming and Seniang.

Adopted,



**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**