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**SENATE**

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Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS AND PREPAREDNESS OF OUR NATIONAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES' DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PLANS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 8.9 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2011 (Friday) at around 2:25 in the afternoon, local time, a 8.9 magnitude earthquake struck Northern Japan or 130 km at the eastern coast of Sendai City in Miyagi Prefecture – an agriculture, trade, power and shipping center;

**WHEREAS**, the said earthquake which is considered the biggest in Japan's recorded history, generated a Tsunami as high as 10 meters and devastated most of Japan's Pacific coast as well as affected countries within and around the Pacific Ocean and caused the issuance of Tsunami warnings in those countries;

**WHEREAS**, Japan is considered as among the best prepared countries in these type of natural disasters, as a result of the earthquake and tsunami suffered a loss of thousands of deaths and still undetermined amount of damage to properties and livelihood, however, many believe that the loss of lives could have been higher if Japan was not well prepared for these types of disasters;

**WHEREAS**, the Japan earthquake was preceded by a destructive 6.3 magnitude earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand, thus, there are some who raised the possibility that a powerful earthquake happening in the Philippines could not be far behind;

**WHEREAS**, on May 27, 2010, Republic Act No. 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 was enacted into law which among others calls for the development and implementation of a comprehensive National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP);

**WHEREAS**, almost a year after the enactment of RA No. 10121 and with the recent natural calamities happening in the Asian region and nearby countries, it is very timely for Congress and our people to be informed of the status and implementation of the country's NDRRMP;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural resources, and Committee on Climate Change conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the status and preparedness of our national and local government agencies' Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plans in the aftermath of the 8.9 magnitude earthquake in Japan.

Adopted,

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**JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI**