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P. S. R. No. 1269

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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO INCREASE ANTI-
FLOODING MECHANISMS IN CENTRAL MINDANAO AND PENALIZE
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WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 states: "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* in its 3 August 2009 issue reported that Archbishop Orlando Quevedo warned that more flooding and destruction in Central Mindanao will take place if the national government continues to delay fund releases for flood control projects;

WHEREAS, Quevedo, who chairs the Presidential Mindanao River Basin Task Force, nonetheless lauded the efforts of local government units that acted in unison to attend to the needs of those who were displaced;

WHEREAS, Quevedo alleged that the destruction of forests contributed to the devastation of farmlands, and that hyacinths clogging the foot of Quirino Bridge and the alternate bridge are also responsible for diverting the water from the Rio Grande to residential areas in Cotabato City, Kabuntalan and Sultan Kudarat in Maguindanao, complicating the flooding in those areas;

WHEREAS, Quevedo also claimed that the floods could stay for weeks or months since floodwaters rise fast and recede very slowly;

WHEREAS, The National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) reported that as of Monday, the recent typhoons have spawned flash floods that affected 75,896 families or 376,853 persons in 225 barangays of 30 municipalities in five provinces and one city;

WHEREAS, the NDCC also reported a total damage of P535.35 million worth of infrastructure and farm crops damaged and farm crops destroyed in North Cotabato and South Cotabato;

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