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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM, SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION COMMISSION, HOME DEVELOPMENT MUTUAL FUND, OVERSEAS WORKERS WELFARE ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO EXTEND EMERGENCY RELIEF ASSISTANCE AND CALAMITY LOANS TO MEMBERS, RESIDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS SUCH AS TYPHOONS

Whereas, the Philippines' location in the northwestern Pacific puts it right in the pathway of the world's No. 1 typhoon generator;

Whereas, an average of 20 typhoons strike the country every year;

Whereas, it is towards the end of the typhoon season, particularly in October and November that the situation often becomes critical;

Whereas, as one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, the Philippines has well-established capabilities for managing disasters as fewer and fewer people are killed by natural disasters;

Whereas, the scale and frequency of typhoons increased at the end of 2006, however, resulting to widespread flooding and mudslides, injuries, and great loss of life and property;

Whereas, the series of destructive typhoons that hit the country during the last quarter of 2006 were named Milenyo, Paeng, Queenie, Reming and Seniang;

Whereas, typhoon victims are often unprepared when disaster strikes and they have barely enough time to recover between each crisis;

Whereas, sufficient assistance for basic necessities, improvement of living environment conditions, livelihood and psychosocial support must be provided to ensure the right of displaced families to a dignified and humane life;

Whereas, according to the weather department, the latest typhoon, Ondoy (international name Ketsana), brought the heaviest rainfall in the country in 40 years;

Whereas, typhoon Ondoy has left over 100 people dead, stranded hundreds of thousands, and submerged houses and vehicles in muddy floodwaters particularly in the areas of Marikina, Rizal and Bulacan: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, directing the Government Service Insurance System, Social Security System, Employees Compensation Commission, Home Development Mutual Fund, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration and other government financial institutions to extend emergency relief assistance and calamity loans to members, residents and their families affected by natural disasters such as typhoons.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
Senator