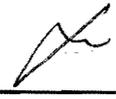


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Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

**A JOINT RESOLUTION
APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TWELVE BILLION PESOS
(Php12,000,000,000.00) AS SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
FOR FY 2009 TO AUGMENT THE CALAMITY FUND
AUTHORIZED UNDER RA NO. 9524 IN VIEW OF THE
RECENT SPATE OF CALAMITIES THAT HAS DEVASTATED
THE COUNTRY**

Whereas, in a span of less than three (3) weeks, two (2) tropical depressions wrecked havoc in the country, the devastating effect of which cannot be understated - hundreds of lives wasted, almost all sources and means of livelihood squandered and billions of pesos in property damaged.

Whereas, typhoons "Pepeng" and "Ondoy" may not be the last of their kind as the country previously witnessed in 2008 the wrath of typhoon "Frank" when it swept through the whole archipelago, resulting in massive loss of life and damage to property as well.

Whereas, there is thus a need to make resources available for the government to fund and address what has been left and destroyed by these typhoons and other related calamities if only to provide the appropriate measure and policy to effect speedy and effective recovery from such debacle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Senate and the House of Representatives, That the amount of Twelve Billion Pesos (Php12,000,000,000.00) be appropriated as a supplemental budget for FY 2009 to augment the calamity fund authorized under RA No. 9524.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Twelve Billion Pesos be released and used for: 1) the relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and other related works and services, especially in affected areas; and 2) disaster preparedness activities and programs such as, but not limited to, identification and readiness of relocation sites and evacuation centers, training of personnel

engaged in disaster management, and availability of disaster prevention and rescue equipment and other related facilities.

In furtherance hereof, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) shall release directly to the appropriate implementing agencies of government and/or Local Government Units (LGUs) the Twelve Billion Pesos upon approval of the President of the Philippines in accordance with the favorable recommendation of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC).

The distribution of the amount to be exclusively released to LGUs shall be proportionate, that is depending on the amount of loss of and damage to livelihood and/or property by virtue of a calamity; the formula for such distribution shall be promulgated by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in coordination with the NDCC and the LGU concerned.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee be created to oversee the utilization of the Twelve Billion Pesos; it shall be composed of six members with the Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations as co-chairpersons, and the chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and the House Committee on Ecology, and one member each from the Senate and the House of Representatives to be designated by the Senate President and the Speaker of the House upon nomination of the respective minority leaders, as members.

AND RESOLVED, FINALLY, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the DBM issue the necessary rules and regulations for the effective implementation of this Joint Resolution.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. G. Escudero', written over a horizontal line.

FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO