



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. Jt. Res. No. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVES SANTIAGO (N.), NOGRALES, CUA (J.), LAGMAN, DEFENSOR (A.), GONZALES (N.), NOEL, DEL MAR, ESCUDERO, DE GUZMAN, CHAVEZ, DELA CRUZ, GUANLAO, PADILLA, ROMULO, GARIN, VELARDE, GOLEZ, ANGARA, BELLO, MONTEMAYOR, MARIANO, VILLANUEVA, ROMUALDO, HERNANDEZ, ONG, ABAYON, LEONEN-PIZARRO, BRITANICO, PALPARAN, MITRA, ARNAIZ AND YAP,
*PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2444 -

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE UNPROGRAMMED FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE BILLION PESOS (P12,000,000,000.00) FOR THE RELIEF OPERATIONS, REHABILITATION, RECONSTRUCTION AND OTHER WORKS AND SERVICES TO AREAS AFFECTED BY NATURAL CALAMITIES

WHEREAS, the onslaught of typhoons "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" has placed most parts of the country in such a devastating condition as heavy rains flooded and submerged communities, destroyed agricultural crops as well as public infrastructures, and displaced several thousands of Filipino families;

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and the rehabilitation of public infrastructures affected by typhoons "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" including typhoon "Frank" have not been fully implemented;

WHEREAS, in view of the overwhelming loss of and damage to lives, properties and infrastructures brought about by natural calamities, there is an imperative need to undertake relief operations, reconstruct and/or rehabilitate infrastructures and help rebuild the lives of tens of thousands of affected Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the amount of Twelve billion pesos (P12,000,000,000 00) is required to undertake the relief operations, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other urgent works and services to areas affected by natural calamities;

WHEREAS, the existing Calamity Fund is not adequate to fund the foregoing relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation activities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9524 or the FY 2009 General Appropriations Act authorizes the use of the Unprogrammed Fund for, among others, Support to Infrastructure Projects and Social Programs;

WHEREAS, said Infrastructure Projects and Social Programs cover relief operations, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other works and services to areas affected by natural calamities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress*
2 *assembled,* To authorize the use of the Unprogrammed Fund under Purpose 6,
3 Support to Infrastructure Projects and Social Programs to augment the
4 Calamity Fund in an amount not to exceed Twelve billion pesos
5 (P12,000,000,000.00) for relief operations, rehabilitation, reconstruction and
6 other works and services in the areas affected by natural calamities. Utilization
7 of the fund shall be in accordance with the procedure and distribution system
8 of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) created pursuant to
9 Presidential Decree No. 1566.

Approved,