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**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE
AMIDST THE MASSIVE DEVASTATION AND INSURMOUNTABLE LOSS
WROUGHT BY SUPER TYPHOON "YOLANDA" IN REGIONS 7 AND 8, AND
URGING THE PRESIDENT TO DECLARE A STATE OF CALAMITY IN THESE
CRITICALLY BATTERED AREAS**

Whereas, the country has recently experienced the fury of "Yolanda", described by Jeff Masters, a hurricane expert and Director of US-based private firm Weather Underground as "the fourth strongest tropical cyclone in world history", equivalent to Category 5 hurricane;

Whereas, this monster howler, packed with winds near 315 kilometers per hour, roared into the Central part of the country, that ripped off roofs of huge structures, uprooted age-old trees, triggered enormous landslides and horrifying storm surges, and cut-off power and communication lines;

Whereas, this violent typhoon claimed a great number of lives, were most deaths were caused by drowning due to huge waves driven by strong winds that swept everything on its path;

Whereas, Regions 7 and 8 suffered immeasurable damage, where 90% of their areas have been flattened by this monstrous typhoon that left an undetermined extent of destruction to properties, and countless corpses lying along the streets, and the survivors desperately begging for much needed assistance and relief;

Whereas, this massive ruin and desolation calls for humanitarian appeal for aid and support, not only locally, but also from among the members of the international community, whose much desired help will greatly assist the Regions to get back on their feet towards recovery;

Whereas, this Institution strongly urges His Excellency, the President, to declare a State of Calamity in Regions 7 and 8, where the fury of Yolanda was dreadfully experienced;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to express its sense amidst the massive devastation and insurmountable loss wrought by Super typhoon "Yolanda" in Regions 7 and 8, urging his Excellency, the President, to declare a State of Calamity in these critically battered areas

Adopted,

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