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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED SUBSTANDARD AND OVERPRICED BUNKHOUSES BUILT FOR THE SURVIVORS OF SUPERTYPHOON "YOLANDA" IN THE VISAYAS REGION, AND TO INSTITUTE CORRECTIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THOSE DISPLACED BY THE SAID CATASTROPHE

Whereas, on 8 November 2013, Super typhoon Yolanda ripped through the Visayas Region that claimed more than 6,000 lives, and have caused unspeakable destruction that left 90% of the areas ravaged;

Whereas, reports claim that in Region VIII alone, there are more than 200,000 families displaced by Yolanda, and more than 500,000 houses wiped out by this horrendous typhoon;

Whereas, two months after the devastation, the affected Provinces, with the profuse assistance coming from international as well as local donors, are slowly rebuilding their lives, and moving on beyond the pain of destruction;

Whereas, the Government has started constructing bunkhouses made of galvanized iron sheets, plywood and cement, to serve as temporary shelters for the families rendered homeless by Yolanda;

Whereas, Architect and Urban Planner Felino Palafox, Jr. however, questioned the quality of the said bunkhouses, claiming that these are undersized and substandard based on the international criteria in the construction of temporary shelters, and are, therefore, unfit for human habitation;

Whereas, there were also reports alleging that the bunkhouses are overpriced, with the possible collusion between favored contractors and local politicians, and that the contractors might not have followed the specifications set by the Department of Public Works and Highways;

Whereas, it is crucial to look into this issues to make sure that the victims of Yolanda will no longer be victimized further by corruption and abuses perpetrated by the callous culprits who take advantage of the desolate condition in the affected areas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works to investigate, in aid of legislation, the alleged substandard and overpriced bunkhouses built for the survivors of Super typhoon "Yolanda" in the Visayas Region, and institute corrective measures to ensure the safety and security of those displaced by the said catastrophe.

Adopted,


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