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SENATE RESOLUTION 5.18

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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE STATUS OF THE FUNDS CONTRIBUTED BY INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS LOCAL DONORS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUS) IN THE VISAYAS REGION DEVASTATED BY TYPHOON YOLANDA, AND TO DETERMINE THE CONCRETE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE COMPLETE REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE AFFECTED LGUS USING THE DONATED FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE

Whereas, more than three (3) months after the gargantuan devastation brought about by typhoon "Yolanda", the country, particularly the local government units in the Visayas Region, are slowly rebuilding their lives towards recovery;

Whereas, this great disaster pave the way for the outpouring of humanitarian assistance not only from our countrymen, but also from among the members of the international community, in order to alleviate the miseries of the casualties of this monstrous calamity;

Whereas, there are reported considerable number of donors from here and abroad, including international organizations, which have donated an enormous amount of financial assistance, and sizeable volume of material goods, for the purpose of assisting the affected Regions to get back on their feet towards resurgence;

Whereas, immense relief operations have been undertaken, and the period of physical and economic reconstruction has started, which necessitates a concrete plan of action to map out the rehabilitation strategy for the Visayas Region;

Whereas, to pursue this end, it is critical to identify the accumulated amount of the rehabilitation fund from local as well as foreign donors, and the corresponding rehabilitation program to be funded by the donated monies;

Whereas, it is vital to look into this matter pursuant to the highest ideals of accountability and transparency in the handling of this public funds by the concerned Government agencies, so that in the end, the complete rehabilitation and rebuilding of the affected areas will be finally achieved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee, to investigate, in aid of legislation, the status of the funds contributed by international as well as local donors to the Local Government Units (LGUs) in the Visayas Region devastated by typhoon Yolanda, and to determine the concrete plan of action for the complete rehabilitation and reconstruction of the affected LGUs using the donated fund for this purpose

Adopted,

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