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Introduced by **SENATOR GREGORIO B. HONASAN II**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE CRITICAL CONDITIONS OF OUR WATER SUPPLY AND POWER GENERATION AS A RESULT OF DRY SPELL OR DROUGHT PREVALENCE IN THE COUNTRY ALLEGEDLY DUE TO GLOBAL WARMING, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE AND COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH TO CALAMITY AND VULNERABILITY, BY STRENGTHENING THE DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY OF THE COUNTRY AND FURTHER ENSURING AND ENHANCING THE ALLOCATION, SUFFICIENCY AND UTILIZATION OF APPROPRIATE RESOURCES FOR THIS PURPOSE

WHEREAS, our constitution provides that the state shall protect the life, property and general welfare of the people and encourage its citizenry to participate in nation building;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has alarmed the public of the incidence of dry spell or drought which is predicted to last until the third quarter of 2007 due to below normal rainfall level in most parts of the country during the past two months;

WHEREAS, the country is currently facing the problem of water supply and power generation shortages wherein Angat, Magat, Pantabangan, Binga and San Roque Dams running the hydropower plants have stopped operations due to inadequate water supply, thereby hampering power distribution in various areas nationwide.

WHEREAS, the 345-megawatt power plant San Roque Dam in Pangasinan which is considered to be one of the biggest in Asia, supplies power to the entire Luzon and some parts of Visayas;

WHEREAS, based on news report, the United Nations-organized Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned that Asia will experience drastic floodings, water scarcity, hunger risks, and disease problems in the coming years considering the rate of global warming;

WHEREAS, in the same report, the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said that the Philippines is extremely vulnerable to the ravages of climate change that could submerge most parts of the country due to global warming;

WHEREAS, prior to the aforementioned calamities, super typhoons "Paeng", "Queenie" and "Reming have caused great devastations to our country that led to loss of lives of thousands of people, destruction of

billions of pesos worth of properties and disruption of power and communication lines nationwide, thus affecting the social and economic development of the country;

WHEREAS, it is evident that significant percentage of our people in the disaster-ravaged areas undergoing rehabilitation and recovery processes are continuously enduring hardships due to lack of sufficient and appropriate resources, knowledge, education, involvement of sectors and efficacious strategies toward disaster risk reduction and management;

WHEREAS, the present law appears to be inadequate to efficiently and effectively address disaster risk reduction;

WHEREAS, given the above significant manifestations and scenarios, there is a need to raise awareness and to focus on the urgency and necessity of disaster risk reduction initiatives and interventions in pursuit of our commitment to the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA), the 2005 World Conference on Disaster Mitigation, held in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct all appropriate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the critical conditions of our water supply and power generation as a result of dry spell or drought prevalence in the country, allegedly due to global warming, with the end in view of establishing a comprehensive and community-based approach to calamity and vulnerability, by strengthening the disaster risk management capability of the country and further ensuring and enhancing the allocation, sufficiency and utilization of appropriate resources for this purpose

Adopted,



GREGORIO B. HONASAN II
Senator