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Introduced by Senator Villar

RESOLUTION
RECOMMENDING TO THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT THE
INCLUSION AND DOUBLING OF THE PRESENT CALAMITY
ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION EFFORT (CARE) FUND FOR THE
RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF AFFECTED LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS INCLUDING PANAY ISLAND AND THE
PROVINCES OF SOUTHWESTERN MINDANAO AND THE VICTIMS OF
TYPHOON "FRANK"

Whereas, typhoon Frank has substantially levelled a number of regions and local governments;

Whereas, there is a specific item called Calamity Fund in the General Appropriations Act which is intended for the relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction, and other works or services in connection with natural calamities, epidemics as declared by the DOH, and crises resulting from armed conflicts and unlawful acts of insurgents, terrorists and other criminals, which may occur during the budget year or those that occurred in prior years, including pre-disaster activities such as preparation of relocation sites/facilities, and training of personnel engaged in direct disaster management;

Whereas, in Republic Act 9401 or the General Appropriations Act of 2007, a portion of the Calamity Fund is allotted to support the Calamity Assistance and Rehabilitation Effort (CARE) for the rehabilitation, repair and reconstruction works and activities in many parts of the country, including the Bicol region, brought about by the devastating effects of typhoons Milenyo, Paeng, Reming and Seniang in 2006;

Whereas, the following information detailing the extent of damages in various local government units by typhoon Frank are significant:

A. Panay Island¹

- Estimates by the National Disaster Coordinating Council of the cost of damage wrought by the recent typhoon have reached Php 11.546 billion as of July 7, 2008, with agriculture and infrastructure sustaining Php 7.577 billion and Php 3.969 billion, respectively.
- Aklan and Iloilo accounted for the most damage to agricultural products at over Php 5 billion, as well as roads and bridges at over Php 2 billion.
- According to the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) of Aklan, typhoon Frank's total damage in the province is now placed at Php 2,012,461,435.75, broken down as follows:

-Agriculture	-	Php	488,544,008.00
-Lifelines	-		696,661,290.00
-Infrastructure	-		276,576,137.75
-Public Utilities	-		550,680.00

- The PDCC-Aklan report revealed that 52 died, 1,047 were injured and 7 are still missing; that the houses partially destroyed listed 43,068 while totally destroyed 11,210, and that the total number of persons affected is now placed at 358,946, more than half of Aklan's population.

B. Southwestern Mindanao

- Citing a report from the Regional Disaster Coordinating Council of Region 12 (which covers the provinces of South Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Saranggani, Cotabato and the cities of General Santos, Koronadal, Tacurong, Kidapawan and Cotabato), the damage wrought by the floods spawned by typhoon Frank has ballooned to at least Php 1.14 billion², the details as follows:

- It affected 332 barangays, 29 municipalities, two cities in the four provinces of the region;
- The total damage to the agriculture and fisheries sectors is at Php 723.6 million;
- The damage to roads and bridges reached Php 259 million and Php 165.7 million for irrigation facilities;
- 267,260 residents have been affected, some 28,193 of whom are still staying in evacuation centers

Whereas, a massive rehabilitation and reconstruction of Panay Island, Southwestern Mindanao and the other local government units affected by typhoon Frank must be conducted: Now therefore be it

¹ As cited in the article, "Rehabilitating Panay", Daily PCIJ, www.pcij.org, July 10, 2008. The information on Aklan culled from the article, "Philippines: Typhoon Frank's total damage in Aklan placed at P 2.012 B", www.reliefweb.int, July 15, 2008.

² Minda News, www.mindanews.com, July 16, 2008

Resolved, by the Senate of the Philippines, as it is hereby resolved, To recommend to the Executive Department the inclusion and doubling of the present Calamity Assistance and Rehabilitation Effort (CARE) Fund for the reconstruction and rehabilitation of affected local government units, including Panay Island and the provinces of Southwestern Mindanao and the victims of typhoon Frank.

Adopted,



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