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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 484

**Introduced by Representatives Mujiv S. Hataman , Amihilda J. Sangcopan,
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FAMILIES SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES IN MINDANAO FOR THEIR IMMEDIATE NEEDS

WHEREAS, a series of strong earthquakes have rocked Mindanao during the last two weeks of October 2019; the first was on October 16 when a 6.3 magnitude tremor struck the northeast portion of Tulunan, Cotabato, and the second, a more powerful 6.6 magnitude earthquake was registered on October 29 in the same area;

WHEREAS, a third tremblor, with magnitude 6.5, hit Cotabato and other nearby areas on October 31, followed by a 5.5 magnitude quake on November 1, this time off the southern province of Davao Occidental. The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS) said that this may last until December of this year;

WHEREAS, it was reported that at least 23 people perished in these three strong tremors, with hundreds more injured and several persons still missing, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC);

WHEREAS, according to both the NDRRMC and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), tens of thousands of families and

hundreds of thousands of individuals were affected by the strong earthquakes; an estimated 28,656 families and 143,280 persons to be exact;

WHEREAS, the affected families and persons are staying in nine (9) evacuation centers in Cotabato and other areas, while 1,103 families and 5,515 persons are currently staying outside of evacuation areas;

WHEREAS, initial reports pegged the number of houses damaged by the earthquakes at 24,910, with 20,484 classified as “totally damaged” and 4,426 as “partially damaged;”

WHEREAS, many local government units (LGUs) affected by the earthquakes have declared a State of Calamity within their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the victims of these calamities need assistance, financial or otherwise, and, in fact, several LGUs not affected by these earthquakes and some well-meaning groups and individuals have already pledged aid to affected areas;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the State to look after the welfare of its citizens and to provide relief to those who need it, especially in times of disasters and calamities;

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the well-being of the hundreds of thousands of victims of the series of earthquakes in Mindanao, it is essential that the National Government provide them with financial assistance: Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, To urge the Executive Department to provide financial assistance to the families severely affected by the series of earthquakes in Mindanao for their immediate needs.

Adopted,


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