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Introduced by REP. NAEALLA BAINTO AGUINALDO

RESOLUTION URGING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE SAFETY OF THE RELOCATION SITE AND STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE HOUSING UNITS AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE OF KASIGLAHAN VILLAGE IN MONTALBAN, RIZAL AND SUCH OTHER SIMILAR HOUSING SITES WHICH ARE LOCATED IN AREAS VULNERABLE TO DISASTER AND NATURAL HAZARDS

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XIII of the 1987 Philippine Constitution mandates the state to undertake a continuing housing and urban land reform program which will make decent housing and basic services available to our underprivileged and homeless citizens;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 10121, states as follows:

(g) Mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change in development processes such as policy formulation, socioeconomic development planning, budgeting, and governance, particularly in the areas of environment, agriculture, water, energy, health, education, poverty reduction, land-use and urban planning, and public infrastructure and housing, among others;

(h) Institutionalize the policies, structures, coordination mechanisms and programs with continuing budget appropriation on disaster risk reduction from national down to local levels towards building a disaster-resilient nation and communities;

WHEREAS, news agencies reported that residents of Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal were evacuated due to the rising flood caused by Typhoon Ulysses,
and there is also information that some structures in the village collapsed during the surge of said typhoon;

WHEREAS, some residents of Kasiglahan Village still remain at evacuation centers as their homes remain inhabitable;

WHEREAS, in a 2014 news report, due to Tropical Cyclone Luis, at least 2,000 housing units in Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal were submerged in flood; in recent years there have been multiple flooding incidents reported in Kasiglahan Village in Montalban, Rizal;

WHEREAS, there is a need to inquire into the safety of the relocation sites and the integrity of the housing units and other infrastructure on the resettlement areas in the country in order to create laws and regulations that will effectively and efficiently promote the disaster resiliency of our housing resettlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to direct the appropriate House Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the safety and disaster resiliency of existing housing resettlements with respect to its location, housing units, and other infrastructure.

ADOPTED,

NAEALLA BANTIO AGUINALDO