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RESOLUTION NO. 1390

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A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE HABITABILITY OF HOUSING UNITS IN SEVERAL NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA) RESETTLEMENT SITES IN THE PROVINCE OF RIZAL FOLLOWING SEVERE FLOODING IN SAID SITES DUE TO TYPHOON ULYSSES

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, Typhoon Ulysses hit Luzon and triggered massive flooding in Metro Manila, low-lying suburbs in Rizal and other parts of Central Luzon and Cagayan Valley;

WHEREAS, among the hardly hit areas are substantial sections in the resettlement sites located in the Province of Rizal, namely, Kasiglahan Village 1 and Southville 8-B, both located in Rodriguez, and Southville 9 in Baras;

WHEREAS, in Kasiglahan Village 1, around 1,400 housing units in Phase 1D, 1K1, and 1K2 were inundated up to rooftop with muddy flood waters, while in Southville 8B an estimated 800 houses in Phase 2 and Phase 4 experienced similar sorry outcome, and in Southville 9 Phase 1, 700 houses were also submerged to the same level;

WHEREAS, the affected families have been experiencing similar levels of flooding during periods of heavy rainfall, such as during the enhanced southwest monsoon (Habagat) in 2013;

WHEREAS, these families have been relocated to said resettlement sites from various locations classified as danger zones in Metro Manila – only to be exposed and vulnerable to the same hazards in their new homes;

WHEREAS, flooding in said resettlement sites endanger thousands of lives, destroy their modest livelihoods, and push them into poverty;

WHEREAS, the miserable conditions of these families following each time their houses are flooded represent a violation of their right to adequate housing, which, under international human rights laws, entitle every person to housing that guarantees physical safety of occupants and provides with adequate space and protection from cold, damp, heat, rain, wind or other threats to health, structural hazards and disease vectors;

WHEREAS, as well as Republic Act No. 7279 that mandates the government to uplift the conditions of the underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban areas and in resettlement areas by making available to them decent housing;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the habitability of housing units in several National Housing Authority (NHA) resettlement sites in the province of Rizal following severe flooding in said sites due to Typhoon Ulysses.

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