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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES ALAN PETER "COMPAÑERO" S. CAYETANO, FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ, AND BIENVENIDO M. ABANTE, JR.

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHIES AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE TWIN EARTHQUAKES AND AFTERSHOCKS THAT HIT ITBAYAT, BATANES ON JULY 27, 2019; THANKING THOSE WHO IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED TO THE DISASTER AND EXTENDED HELP; AND CALLING TO EXPEDITE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE AFFECTED AREAS

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2019 a 5.4 magnitude earthquake hit the town of Itbayat, Batanes at 4:16 am, succeeded by another at 7:37 am with a 5.9 magnitude, and followed by several aftershocks;

WHEREAS, the twin earthquakes and the aftershocks took the lives of 9 individuals, left at least 60 injured, and have caused sizeable damage to houses, roads, and other major infrastructures;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives commiserate with the families and loved ones of those affected by this natural disaster;

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and the promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, Section 2(p) of Republic Act No. 10121, otherwise known as the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010", provides that it is the policy of the State to provide maximum care, assistance and services to individuals and families affected by disaster, implement emergency rehabilitation projects to lessen the impact of the disaster, and facilitate resumption of normal social and economic activities;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives expresses its sincerest gratitude to individuals and organizations, both government and non-government, that immediately responded to the disaster and extended assistance through search and rescue efforts, delivery of food and non-food items, first aid, psychosocial support, financial assistance, among others;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives calls on the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and other relevant organizations to expedite humanitarian assistance and restore normalcy to the affected areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives expresses its profound sympathies and deepest condolences to those affected by

the twin earthquakes that hit Itbayat, Batanes on July 27, 2019 and calls on the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council and other relevant agencies to expedite humanitarian assistance and restore normalcy to the affected areas.

Adopted,



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