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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 494

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**Introduced by Representatives Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano,  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**EXPRESSING THE COMPASSION, SOLIDARITY, SUPPORT AND**  
**EMPATHY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE**  
**DISPLACED, BEREAVED AND INJURED MINDANAOANS DURING THE**  
**OCTOBER 2019 EARTHQUAKES**

**WHEREAS**, on October 31, 2019, the Province of Cotabato was struck by a 6.5 magnitude earthquake of tectonic origin with the epicenter located 33 kilometers north east of Tulunan, which was also the epicenter of a magnitude 6.6 quake on October 29 and a magnitude 6.3 temblor on October 16 that were felt in different parts of Mindanao, including South Cotabato, Maguindanao and Davao del Sur;

**WHEREAS**, in the aftermath of the quakes, 22 people were reported dead, more than 400 were injured, 6,009 families in 72 barangays were impacted with 20,913 houses destroyed and 6,397 partially damaged, with 27,485 persons displaced, 20,635 of whom are now housed in temporary government shelters and 6,850 are staying with relatives in safe areas;

**WHEREAS**, the region was placed in a state of crisis and calamity, with affected families finding themselves in a desperate situation of unmet vital needs such as access to food and safe drinking water, lack of essential household items, emergency shelter kits, basic health services, and psycho-social first aid;

**WHEREAS**, families are constrained to remain in evacuation centers due to aftershocks, and there is a pressing necessity to provide immediate assistance to minimize loss of lives and to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable are given serious attention;

**WHEREAS**, in the midst of the rubble and trauma, and even as Mindanao faces a daunting task of rebuilding, Mindanaoans are united and standing strong, rising above the calamity, and proving that no task remains insurmountable when people are willing to extend a helping hand;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives expresses its compassion, solidarity, support and empathy for the displaced, bereaved and injured Mindanaoans during the October 2019 earthquakes.

**FURTHER, RESOLVED** that Members of Congress collectively and individually rise up to meet the challenges of relief and rehabilitation in earthquake-stricken areas, including but not limited to, pledge and deduct individual pledges from the November 2019 salary of the Members of the House of Representatives for the purposes of providing financial assistance for those affected.

*Adopted,*



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