

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1387



Introduced by **HONORABLE DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO**

RESOLUTION

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, INCLUDING SUBDIVISIONS THAT ARE SITUATED IN PERILOUS AREAS SUCH AS THOSE THAT ARE NEAR RIVERS, LAKES, AND DAMS, BESIDE MOUNTAINS, VOLCANOES AND FORESTS, AND BUILT OVER FAULT LINES WITH REGARD TO ITS SAFETY FROM NATURAL DISASTERS.

WHEREAS, quite recently, three (3) consecutive super typhoons have ravaged the country within weeks of each other;

WHEREAS, first it was Typhoon Quinta which brought sustained strong winds of 130 km per hour, next was Super Typhoon Rolly which was branded as the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines this year by the New York Times and finally Typhoon Ulysses which brought strong winds and flooding to Metro Manila, Rizal, and other areas due to the rise of Marikina River's water level;

WHEREAS, these typhoons have brought vast destruction to properties and livelihood such as agricultural crops and infrastructure, and worse, the lives of our fellow Filipinos;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an immediate and committed action to these flashfloods and other damages brought about by the natural disasters which has plagued the country ever since;

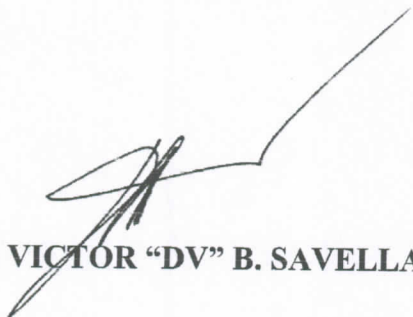
WHEREAS, 2021 commenced with fire and brimstone with the violent eruption from Taal Volcano and ended with the inundation of towns and cities brought about by the aforementioned typhoons towards the end of the year on top of the COVID-19 Pandemic making this really an Annus Horribilis;

WHEREAS, on closer scrutiny, most of the damage brought about by these calamities could have easily been prevented if infrastructures and people were not situated in or near hazardous zones;

WHEREAS, there is thus an urgent need now for a national comprehensive law on the use of our lands;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to call for an investigation into housing development projects, including subdivisions that are situated in perilous areas such as those that are near rivers, lakes, and dams; beside mountains, volcanoes and forests; and built over fault lines with regard to its safety from natural disasters.

Adopted,

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DEOGRACIAS VICTOR "DV" B. SAVELLANO