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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE PHILIPPINE SENATE ON THE DEATH OF HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS IN CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY, ILIGAN CITY, NEGROS ORIENTAL, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE, COMPOSTELA VALLEY AND BUKIDNON AS A RESULT OF THE DEVASTATION CAUSED BY TROPICAL STORM "SENDONG" (INTERNATIONAL NAME "WASHI") ON DECEMBER 17, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, on December 17, 2011, tropical storm Sendong (international name "Washi") dropped over 181 millimeters (mm) of rainfall in less than 24 hours, equivalent to more than a month of rain, thus causing severe flash flooding to the Northern Mindanao region of the Philippines. The cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro City were hit the worse and the area has suffered severe damage and human loss;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of this tropical storm, almost 1,000 people have been claimed dead, hundreds more are missing, and nearly 100,000 Filipinos have been displaced after the flood waters destroyed everything in its path during the late hours of the night, majority of whom were from Iligan City in Lanao del Norte, and Cagayan de Oro City in Misamis Oriental, the two cities hit hardest by the storm. The rest of the casualties were from Sibulan, Valencia, Dumaguete City in Negros Oriental; Zamboanga del Norte; Compostela Valley; and Bukidnon;

**WHEREAS**, the death toll is expected to increase as authorities continue their search and retrieval operations for missing people, including those swept out to sea when the surging water struck the coastal cities of Cagayan de Oro and nearby Iligan City. A large number of victims residing in houses along the river banks were swept away or buried in mud when the river swelled;

**WHEREAS**, the devastating flash floods which are said to be the worst in the history of Cagayan de Oro City and Iligan City, reveal the increasing severity of typhoons that residents must be prepared for and the increasing vulnerability of the residents of Northern Mindanao against disasters and calamities.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES** to express its profound sympathy and sincere condolence on the deaths of hundreds of residents in Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan City, Negros Oriental, Zamboanga del Norte, Compostela Valley and Bukidnon as a result of the devastation caused by tropical storm "Sendong" (international name "Washi") on December 17, 2011.

Adopted,

  
**MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID**  
Senator 