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RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON
THE DEVASTATING MAY 12, 2008 EARTHQUAKE

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2008, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck the city of Chengdu, the provincial capital of Sichuan province, China;

WHEREAS, the strong tremor triggered a mudslide that caused a high school building in Chengdu to collapse and buried 900 students in the building's rubble;

WHEREAS, four other students were killed and at least 100 more injured when two other schools collapsed in Liangping country of Chongqing municipality near Sichuan;

WHEREAS, the latest reports from China paint a gloomy picture as 80% of buildings in Chengdu have either collapsed or suffered damage and an estimated 10,000 people died from the what has been considered the strongest earthquake to have hit China in more than 58 years;

WHEREAS, the strength of the earthquake was such that it shook buildings in Beijing for three minutes, causing panic-stricken office workers to scramble out of office buildings, and stopping traffic in the capital's thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, the earthquake's effects was felt as far as Hongkong and Bangkok in Thailand, 1,950 kilometers away from the quake's epicenter in Chengdu;

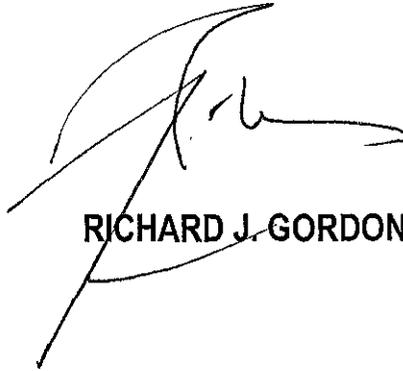
WHEREAS, the Philippines is no-stranger to natural calamities and has suffered great loss of lives and property from earthquakes such as the deadly Baguio tremor that shook the summer capital and its environs in 1990 and the more recent mudslides in Guinsaugon, Southern Leyte and Legaspi City in the province of Albay;

WHEREAS, the appalling loss of lives, especially of young and promising students, anywhere in the world deserves our sympathy and support;

WHEREAS, China is a close neighbor of the Philippines and the Chinese people and the Filipino people have enjoyed strong historic, cultural, economic, and social ties for many centuries; *Now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved: that the Senate officially send its message of condolences to the government and people of the People's Republic of China (PRoC), and express its sympathy and solidarity with them over the massive deaths, suffering and destruction in the wake of the devastating earthquake in Chengdu, Sichuan province, China.

Adopted,



RICHARD J. GORDON