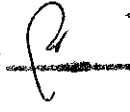


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PLIGHT OF VICTIMS OF TROPICAL STORM ONDOY AND TYPHOON PEPENG, IN ORDER TO BUILD THE RESILIENCE OF VULNERABLE POPULATIONS TO FUTURE DISASTERS

WHEREAS, Section 5, Article 2 of the Constitution states: "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, last year, the Philippines was hit by Tropical Storm *Ondoy* and Typhoon *Pepeng*, displacing around 3,000 families and 17,000 people in six (6) provinces;

WHEREAS, data on internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) showed that as of August 2010, there are still twenty-four (24) evacuation centers in Pampanga, Zambales, Rizal, and Laguna due to *Ondoy*, which shelter 1,681 families;

WHEREAS, the same data showed that there are currently six (6) evacuation centers in Pangasinan, Zambales, and Benguet due to *Pepeng* sheltering 620 families;

WHEREAS, in a period of ten (10) months since *Ondoy* and *Pepeng*, IDPs have only been reduced from 17,002 to 12,231 and displaced families have only been reduced from 3,334 to 2,301 and the others are still awaiting relocation;

WHEREAS, communities displaced by disasters are extremely vulnerable due to their exposure to health hazards and their lack of capability to sustain their everyday needs;

WHEREAS, special aid and protection must therefore be extended to these communities who are already disadvantaged;

WHEREAS, recovery and reconstruction efforts must include restoration of severely affected livelihoods, provision for viable housing options for families left homeless, and improved disaster risk reduction and management, among other important areas of concern;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Climate Change to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the plight of victims of Tropical Storm *Ondoy* and Typhoon *Pepeng* in order to build the resilience of vulnerable populations to future disasters.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA
Senator