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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 389



Introduced by REP. JOSE CHRISTOPHER Y. BELMONTE

RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO DONATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF TYPHOON FERDIE

WHEREAS, on 14 September 2016, a Category 4 Typhoon named "Ferdie" (international name "Meranti"), struck the Province of Batanes;

WHEREAS, Typhoon Ferdie is, so far, the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines this year with maximum winds of up to 215 km/h and gustiness of up to 250 km/h;

WHEREAS, a total of 1,224 houses were damaged by Typhoon Ferdie. Of these, 292 homes were "totally damaged" in the towns of Basco, Itbayat, Uyugan and Ivana;

WHEREAS, according to the National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC), Typhoon Ferdie caused power outages, faulty communication lines, and limited water supply in the province;

WHEREAS, according to the provincial government, as of 19 September 2016, the damage caused by Typhoon Ferdie has reached Php 445 million in four (4) towns of Batan Island including Basco, and Php 68 million for Itbayat. Damage cost is expected to rise as there are no estimates yet for Sabtang.

WHEREAS, the typhoon severely limited access to basic necessities such as food, water, clothing, and shelter in the affected areas;

WHEREAS, due to the onslaught of Typhoon Ferdie in Batanes, the

Provincial Board declared the province under a state of calamity on 15 September 2016;

WHEREAS, recognizing the need for aid and relief during this difficult time, the House of Representatives hereby extends financial assistance to the victims of this calamity;

WHEREAS, said assistance will be funded by the voluntary contributions pledged by Members of the House of Representatives, thru a one-time donation to be deducted from donor-representative's monthly salary;

WHEREAS, payee for the said assistance will be addressed to Bishop Camilo D. Gregorio and Governor Marilou H. Cayco with Account Name "Gregorio, Camilo D. & Cayco, Marilou H." and Checking Account No. 357678700037 at PNB - BASCO BRANCH, for the Bangon Batanes Task Force.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the House of Representatives, to urge its members to provide financial assistance to the victims of Typhoon Ferdie in the Province of Batanes.

Adopted,



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