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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. _____



Introduced by Hon. Lucy Marie Torres Gomez

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE HOUSE COMMITTEE TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
UTILIZATION OF ALL DISBURSED FUNDS AS WELL AS ON THE
STATUS OF THE RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION AND
REHABILITATION OF MARAWI CITY

WHEREAS, in terms of man-made calamities, the five-month siege of Marawi City in 2017 caused by the Islamic State (IS)-affiliated Maute terrorist group is unprecedented, resulting in at least a thousand casualties, more than 350,000 internally displaced persons and billions of pesos worth of damage and losses to property;

WHEREAS, early on in the conflict, that is in June 2017, the government has constituted the Task Force Bangon Marawi, an inter-agency task force to spearhead the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City, via Administrative Order No. 3, which, in turn, was amended by Administrative Order No. 9 on October 27, 2017;

WHEREAS, after five months (May-October 2017) of heavy fighting, between government forces and the IS-inspired Maute group, the government on October 17, 2017 declared the liberation of the Islamic City of Marawi;

WHEREAS, after almost two (2) years since its liberation and the supposed commencement of the city's relief, reconstruction and

rehabilitation, Marawi is still said to be in ruins, with continuing sights of heavily-damaged buildings, houses of worship, abandoned homes, ruined business establishments and empty streets, with the exception of stray dogs and cats, not to mention the tent city, with pitiful conditions, in the evacuation site outside of the so-called Ground Zero;

WHEREAS, there is a compelling need to hasten the post-disaster recovery of Marawi City through the provision of secure shelters, sustainable livelihood, as well as social and psychological recovery;

WHEREAS, it is also imperative for the appropriate government agencies to render an accounting of all disbursed funds for the reconstruction of Marawi City, which include bilateral and humanitarian aid, and a comprehensive status report on the rebuilding of the battle-scarred city;

WHEREAS, a systematic review of the government response is essential and indispensable as it would serve as a template or benchmark for official approaches to similar man-made disasters should they occur anew in the future: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the utilization of all disbursed funds as the well as on the status of the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of Marawi City.

Adopted,


LUCY MARIE TORRES GOMEZ