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**RESOLUTION**  
**COMMENDING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT CONTINGENT FOR THEIR**  
**VALOR AND ACTS OF SERVICE IN THE RESCUE AND RECOVERY**  
**OPERATIONS CONDUCTED FOLLOWING THE MAGNITUDE 7.8**  
**EARTHQUAKE IN TURKIYE AND SYRIA**

WHEREAS, last February 6, 2023, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Turkiye and Syria, causing catastrophic damage to properties and infrastructures, as well as numerous casualties and injuries among the people of both countries;

WHEREAS, in response to the call for help, the Philippine Government sent a contingent of 82 personnel, composed of members of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Health, Office of Civil Defense, Metro Manila Development Authority and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, to aid in the rescue and recovery operations conducted;

WHEREAS, the 82-personnel contingent was composed of 33 Armed Forces of the Philippines members, 21 of which are from the 525th Engineer Combat Battalion, 51st Brigade; 12 from the Air Force 505th Search and Rescue Group, and 31 personnel from the Department of Health, composed of seven (7) Doctors, eight (8) Nurses, two (2) I Medical Technologists, and two (2) Pharmacists, as well as other logistical officers;

WHEREAS, the contingent, on behalf of our country, brought goods to the quake victims, including clothing and sleeping kits for winter, and hygiene and sanitary kits, which are much needed by the people affected by the disaster;

WHEREAS, through the bravery, dedication, and determination of the Philippine Government contingent, they were able to contribute significantly to the rescue and recovery operations in Turkiye, providing necessary aid and support to those affected by the earthquake;

WHEREAS, their acts of selflessness, sacrifice, and valor in service to humanity are worthy of praise and commendation, as they exemplify the spirit of heroism and bayanihan that the Filipino people are known for;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to commend the Philippine Government contingent sent to Turkiye for their outstanding performance and contribution to the rescue and recovery operations in the aftermath of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Turkiye and Syria on February 6, 2023;

RESOLVED FURTHER, to recognize and commend every man and woman of service who are part of the Philippine contingent for their bravery, dedication, and determination in providing aid and support to those affected by the tragedy in Turkiye and Syria;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Department of Health, Office of Civil Defense, Metro Manila Development Authority and Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority.

*Adopted,*



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

