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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Volunteer responders are modern-day heroes who risk their lives and limbs to save those of others in times of calamities and affliction. They valiantly endure harsh weather conditions and expose themselves to hostile environment just so they could save the lives of others.

But they are as much human beings as those for whom they lay down their lives. They themselves get injured, or worse, die.

In such sad case, the State should care for their children and/or dependents.

This proposed measure seeks to protect the economic welfare of volunteer responders children and/or dependents in case they lose their lives in the process of saving those of others.

The immediate passage of this bill is thus most earnestly sought.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Winnie Castelo". The signature is written over a circular stamp that partially overlaps the explanatory text. Below the signature, the name "WINNIE CASTELO" is printed in capital letters.

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AN ACT

UPHOLDING THE ECONOMIC WELFARE OF VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS' CHILDREN AND/OR DEPENDENTS IN THE EVENT OF THEIR DEATH IN THE COURSE OF SAVING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted in the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Republic of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the 'Economic Welfare for the Bereaved Children and/or Dependents of Volunteer Responders Act.'

SEC. 2. There shall hereby be established an Economic Welfare Protection Program for the bereaved children and/or dependents of Volunteer Responders who died in the course of saving other people's lives with the Department of Social Welfare and Development as the Office of Primary Responsibility.

SEC. 3. Under this Act, children and/or dependents of volunteer responders who died in the line of duty shall be provided financial, medical and/or scholarship benefits.

SEC. 4. The amount necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged against the appropriations for the Department of Social Welfare and Development under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

SEC. 5. This Act shall take effect immediately upon its approval and publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,