BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 75

CREATING THE NATIONAL HEROES COMMITTEE UNDER THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the State is mandated to foster patriotism and
nationalism among the citizens, especially the youth, pursuant
to Article II, Sections 13 and 17, of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the State, through its educational system, is
also mandated to inculcate patriotism and nationalism, and the
appreciation of the role of national heroes in the historical
development of the country pursuant to Article XIV, Section 3(2)
of the Constitution;

WHEREAS, Almighty God has gifted the sovereign Filipino
people with National Heroes, the men and women of sterling char-
acter and remarkable achievements that directed, and continue
to direct, the historic destiny of the country;

WHEREAS, it is timely and appropriate to proclaim these
National Heroes, the renowned achievers of their generations
and the shining exemplars of these times;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the
Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do
hereby order:

SECTION 1. A National Heroes Committee is hereby created,
composed of the Secretary of Education, Culture and Sports as
Chairman, and the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary
of National Defense as Members, to study and recommend the
proclamation of National Heroes.

SEC. 2. All departments, bureaus, offices, agencies, and
instrumentalities of the Government, including government-owned
or controlled corporations, are hereby directed to extend the ful-
lest support to the National Heroes Committee in the performance
of its functions.

SEC. 3. The private sector is hereby urged to assist the
National Heroes Committee in the performance of its functions.

SEC. 4. The National Historical Commission shall act as
Secretariat of the National Heroes Committee.
SEC. 5. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done in the City of Manila, this 29th day of March in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

By the President

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