

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 254, June 27, 1957 ]**

**CREATING THE JUAN LUNA CENTENNIAL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Juan Luna de San Pedro, the first internationally famous Filipino, was born on October 23, one hundred years ago, in the municipality of Badoc, province of Ilocos Norte;

WHEREAS, the genius of Juan Luna, as a painter was a God-given gift to our country at a time of our history when we had the greatest need for the Philippines to be known in other countries;

WHEREAS, his great works of art which attracted international attention and admiration in Italy, France, Spain, and other European countries served to introduce the Filipino people and our history and culture for the first time to other peoples of the world;

WHEREAS, he was a lover of our land, expressing his patriotism in his art by painting memorable events of our history; and

WHEREAS, he placed freely and unreservedly his talent and skill with the brush in close and effective cooperation with the inspired pens of Rizal, M. del Pilar, Graciano Lopez-Jaena, Pardo de Tavera, and other heroes, to glorify our country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Carlos P. Garcia, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, in appreciation of Juan Luna's various artistic productions and in recognition of his noble and patriotic services to our country, do hereby create a Juan Luna Centennial Commission, composed of the following:

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| 1. Hon. Quintin Paredes                                   | Chairman |
| 2. The Secretary of Education                             | Member   |
| 3. Hon. Francisco Delgado                                 | Member   |
| 4. Hon. Antonio Raquiza                                   | Member   |
| 5. Hon. Pedro Singson Reyes                               | Member   |
| 6. Hon. Alejo Santos                                      | Member   |
| 7. Hon. Ferdinand Marcos                                  | Member   |
| 8. Hon. Floro Crisologo                                   | Member   |
| 9. Hon. Ricardo Gacula                                    | Member   |
| 10. The Director of the National Museum                   | Member   |
| 11. The Chairman, Philippines Historical Committee        | Member   |
| 12. The President, Art Association of the Philippines     | Member   |
| 13. The President, Philippine National Historical Society | Member   |
| 14. The Director of Public Schools                        | Member   |