

[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 320, May 14, 1996]

CREATING A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CENTENNIAL OF THE DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF MARCELO H. DEL PILAR

WHEREAS, Marcelo H. del Pilar is one of our great Filipino heroes revered for his fearless writings denouncing the abuses of friars and their oppression of the Filipinos during the Spanish regime;

WHEREAS, in 1892 Marcelo H. del Pilar founded the first Tagalog daily, the *Diariong Tagalog*, which denounced Spanish maladministration of the Philippines and later edited the newspaper, *La Solidaridad*, which championed the cause for greater Philippine autonomy;

WHEREAS, in the words of Governor General Ramon Blanco, then Chief Executive of the erstwhile Philippine colony, Del Pilar was “the most intelligent leader, the real soul of the separatists”;

WHEREAS, July 4, 1996 will mark the centennial of the death anniversary of this great hero and it is only fitting that such significant event be commemorated and celebrated not only in his home province of Bulacan but also throughout the country with fitting programs, activities and projects;

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

SECTION 1. A Special Committee is hereby created to take charge of the nationwide preparations to commemorate the centennial of the death anniversary of Marcelo H. del Pilar on July 4, 1996, to be composed of the following:

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| 1. | Secretary Ricardo T. Gloria
Department of Education, Culture and Sports | Chairman |
| 2. | Senator Blas F. Ople, Senate of the Philippines | Co-Chairman |
| 3. | Representative Teodulo C. Natividad, House of Representatives | Co-Chairman |
| 4. | The Executive Director of the National Centennial Commission | Co-Chairman |
| 5. | The Executive Director of the National Historical Institute | Vice-Chairman |
| 6. | The Executive Director or his duly designated representative, National Commission for Culture and the Arts | Member |
| 7. | The Governor of the Province of Bulacan or his duly designated representative | Member |
| 8. | The President of the National Press Club or his duly designated representative | Member |
| 9. | The President of the Manila Overseas Press Club or his duly designated representative | Member |
| 10. | The President of the Publishers Association of the Philippines, Inc. or his duly designated representative | Member |
| 11. | A representative from the family of Marcelo H. del Pilar | Member |