

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 651, December 15, 1953 ]**

**CREATING THE ROXAS MEMORIAL COMMISSION TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROXAS MEMORIAL ON THE SITE RESERVED FOR THE PURPOSE BY PROCLAMATION NO. 359 DATED DECEMBER 16, 1952, AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT FOR DISABLED WAR VETERANS ON THE SITE RESERVED THEREFOR BY PROCLAMATION NO. 422 DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1953.**

Whereas, the late President Manuel Roxas had the singular distinction of being the First President of the Republic of the Philippines, in which position he rendered invaluable services to the country up to the time of his death in the performance of an official engagement at Clark Field on April 15, 1948;

Whereas, the Filipino people, in expressing their gratitude for the patriotic services of the late President Manuel Roxas, initiated the raising of funds by public subscription for the construction of an income-producing Memorial for the purposes, among others, of immortalizing his memory, extending financial aid to needy or indigent war widows and orphans, disabled war veterans and public charitable and social welfare institutions, encouraging the development of theatrical talents, and promoting theatrical arts and productions and symphony orchestra music; and

Whereas, certain parcels of the public domain situated in the City of Manila have been reserved for use as site of the Roxas Memorial under Proclamation No. 359 dated December 16, 1952, and another parcel of land situated in Diliman, Quezon City, has been reserved for use as site of a low-cost housing project for disabled war veterans under Proclamation No. 422 dated November 12, 1953; Now, therefore, I, Elpidio Quirino, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby create the Roxas Memorial Commission composed of the following:

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| 1. The Secretary of Public Works and Communications      | Chairman             |
| 2. The Secretary of Commerce and Industry                | Vice-Chairman        |
| 3. The Administrator of Economic Coordination            | Member               |
| 4. The Administrator, Social Welfare Administration      | Member               |
| 5. The Treasurer of the Philippines                      | Member and Treasurer |
| 6. The Director, National Planning Commission            | Member               |
| 7. Mrs. Trinidad de Leon Vda. de Roxas                   | Member               |
| 8. The President of War Widows                           | Member               |
| 9. The President, Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines | Member               |
| 10. The President, Manila Theater's Association          | Member               |