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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

PROCLAMATION NO. 502

RENAMING THE COUNCIL OF STATE ROOM, KALAYAAN HALL, MALACAÑANG PALACE AS THE ELPIDIO QUIRINO ROOM

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2 dated May 6, 1998 by the National Historical Institute and Presidential Decree No. 260 dated August 1, 1973, declared Malacañang Palace a National Historical Landmark;

WHEREAS, every past administration in the country reflects a particular period in our nation's rich history; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Malacañang Palace, residence and office of the President of the Philippines should recognize the historic connection past presidents have with Malacañang Palace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, do hereby rename the Council of State Room, Kalayaan Hall, Malacañang Palace, as the *Quirino Room*, in recognition of the historic value of the room in which President Elpidio Quirino took his first oath of office on April 17, 1948, thereby serving as a tangible reminder of President Elpidio Quirino's service to the nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 16^{th} day of November, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

By the President:

ALBERTO G. ROMULO Executive Secretary

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