

## RESOLUTION NO. 02 , s. 2013

## RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE ISSUE OF LEGITIMACY OF THE VICE-PRESIDENCY OF ARTURO TOLENTINO IN THE 1986 SNAP ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the snap elections on 7 February 1986 were marred by fraud and violence, as highlighted by the walkout of poll employees and computer operators of the Commission on Elections on 9 February 1986;

WHEREAS, the Batasang Pambansa nonetheless proclaimed Ferdinand Marcos and Arturo Tolentino President and Vice President, respectively, through Batas Pambansa Resolution No. 38 dated 15 February 1986;

WHEREAS, by the sheer power of large numbers of peacefully assembled Filipinos, the dictatorship collapsed amid the popular clamor for Mrs. Corazon Aquino to take over as the country's leader;

WHEREAS, on 25 February 1986, Corazon Aquino and Salvador Laurel were sworn into office as President and Vice-President, respectively, at Club Filipino;

WHEREAS, the Filipino people wholeheartedly accepted the Presidency and Vice Presidency of Corazon Aquino and Salvador Laurel, respectively, thereby negating the claim to office of Ferdinand Marcos and Arturo Tolentino;

WHEREAS, Corazon C. Aquino and Vice President Salvador H. Laurel completed their term in 1992;

NOW, THEREFORE, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines hereby declares that Arturo Tolentino is not included in the roster of Vice Presidents of the Republic of the Philippines.

Approved in the NHCP Board Meeting dated 11 March 2013:

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