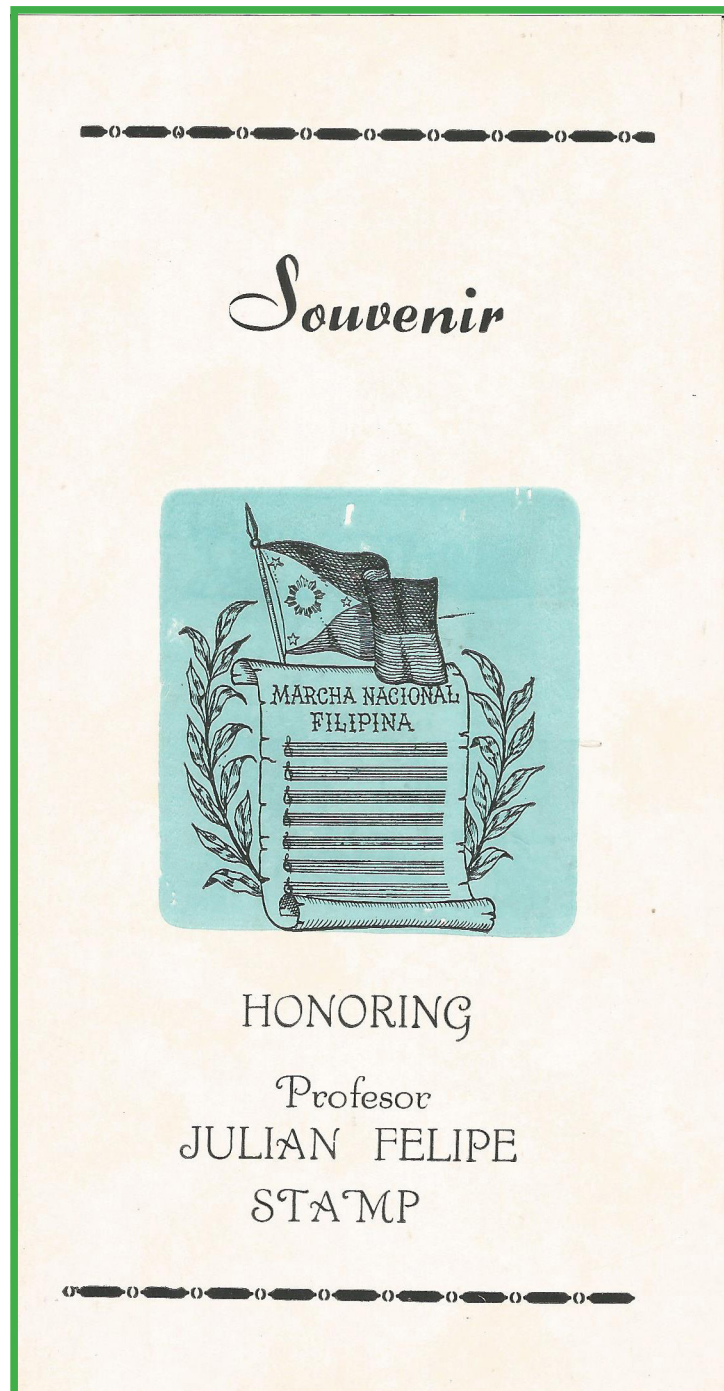


**June 26, 1972
JULIAN FELIPE**



**JULIAN FELIPE STAMPS
(Famous Filipinos Series)**

The Bureau of Posts issues today, June 26, 1972 the Julian Felipe stamps with the following particulars:

Kind of Issue:	Regular
Size:	19x30 mm printed size
Denomination & Quantity:	1-piso - 10,000,000
Sheet Composition:	100
Printing Process:	Intaglio Steel Engraving (1 color)
Printer:	Thomas de la Rue & Co, Ltd. (London, England)

Julian Felipe was born in Cavite City on January 28, 1861. He was the youngest of the 12 children of Justo Felipe and Victoria Rexes. From his father he inherited his love for music.

On June 5, 1898, Julian Felipe, carrying a letter of recommendation from his friend, General Mariano Trias, visited General Aguinaldo and offered his services.

General Aguinaldo requested him to play a march composed by a Filipino musician in Hongkong. After Julian Felipe had finished the rendition, General Aguinaldo was not impressed so he asked him to compose another that was stirring so that the men would be inspired to fight.

On June 11, 1898, Julian Felipe played his composition with artistic skill and enthusiasm. He was applauded and the piece was entitled "Marcha Nacional Filipina." The following day, June 12, 1898, while the Philippine Flag was officially hoisted, the band of San Francisco de Malabon (now Gen. Trias) played the inspiring anthem.

In August 1899, Jose Palma, poet-soldier and younger brother of Dr. Rafael Palma, wrote the patriotic poem "Filipinas", which became the lyrics of the national anthem.

On December 4, 1924, the Philippine Legislature enacted a law purchasing the original manuscript of the Marcha Nacional Filipina for P4,000.

On September 5, 1938 another law was passed by the National Assembly of the Commonwealth of the Philippines which provided for the official adoption of Julian Felipe's "Marcha Nacional Filipina" as the Philippine National Anthem.

