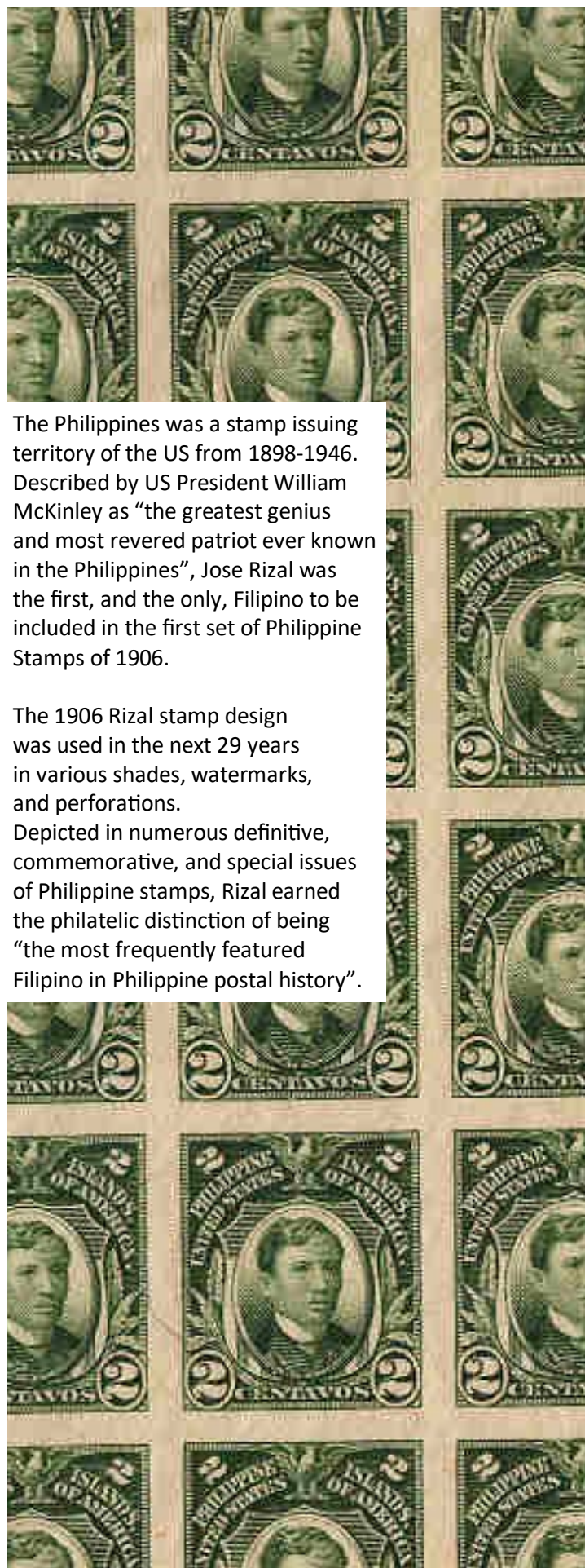




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The Philippines was a stamp issuing territory of the US from 1898-1946. Described by US President William McKinley as “the greatest genius and most revered patriot ever known in the Philippines”, Jose Rizal was the first, and the only, Filipino to be included in the first set of Philippine Stamps of 1906.

The 1906 Rizal stamp design was used in the next 29 years in various shades, watermarks, and perforations. Depicted in numerous definitive, commemorative, and special issues of Philippine stamps, Rizal earned the philatelic distinction of being “the most frequently featured Filipino in Philippine postal history”.