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By: **Senator Bromwell**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Dedication of the Parkville Armory in Honor of Chief Warrant Officer Four**
3 **Melvin Sherr**

4 FOR the purpose of expressing the support of the General Assembly for the dedication
5 of the Parkville Armory in honor of Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin Sherr,
6 Maryland Army National Guard.

7 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General James F. Fretterd, the Adjutant General for
8 the State of Maryland, has approved the naming of the Parkville Armory in honor of
9 Chief Warrant Officer Four, Melvin Sherr, of the Maryland Army National Guard;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The dedication of the Parkville Armory will be held on Sunday,
12 June 7, 1998; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin Sherr served as a member of the
14 104th Medical Regiment, 29th Division, Maryland National Guard, from June, 1929
15 until his mandatory retirement in September, 1974; and

16 WHEREAS, The awards and decorations bestowed upon Chief Warrant Officer
17 Four Melvin Sherr for his outstanding military service include the Combat Medical
18 Badge, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the American
19 Defense Medal, the American Theater Medal, the European Theater Medal with four
20 Bronze Stars, one Arrow Head, the Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the
21 Germany Occupation Medal, the National Defense Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve
22 Medal with three Hour Glasses, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
23 with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the State of Maryland Distinguished Service Cross, and
24 a Service Medal with six Botany; and

25 WHEREAS, The civilian associations of Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin
26 Sherr after his retirement from the Army National Guard included service as the
27 Department of Maryland Commander, Adjutant, and Welfare Officer of the Warrant
28 Officers Association and service with the Disabled American Veterans Association, the
29 U.S. Uniformed Services Association, the American Legion, the Veterans Corps, and
30 the Military Order of Foreign Wars; and

1 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin Sherr was a well known
2 violinist for both the Maryland National Guard as well as for the citizens of
3 Baltimore, becoming known as the "music man" of the Baltimore area for over 50
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin Sherr passed away in
6 December, 1996, with over 45 years of distinguished service in the Maryland National
7 Guard; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
9 General Assembly endorses and supports the dedication of the Parkville Armory in
10 honor of Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin Sherr; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
12 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
13 The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
14 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates, and Lieutenant
15 General James F. Fretterd, Adjutant General, Maryland Army National Guard, Fifth
16 Regiment Armory, 29th Division Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201-2288.