

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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By: **Senator Bromwell**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

1 WHEREAS, The civilian associations of Chief Warrant Officer Four Melvin
2 Sherr after his retirement from the Army National Guard included service as the
3 Department of Maryland Commander, Adjutant, and Welfare Officer of the Warrant
4 Officers Association and service with the Disabled American Veterans Association, the
5 U.S. Uniformed Services Association, the American Legion, the Veterans Corps, and
6 the Military Order of Foreign Wars; and

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

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

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

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