

Joint Resolution No. 8

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 15)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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