

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

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

Signed May 21, 1998.

Joint Resolution No. 9

(House Joint Resolution No. 9)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Philippines Centennial

FOR the purpose of recognizing and honoring the centennial of the special relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines.

WHEREAS, 1998 is the centennial of the birth of the relationship between the United States and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, The Philippine Islands were discovered in 1521 by Ferdinand Magellan, a Portuguese explorer, and named after Prince Philip of Spain; and

WHEREAS, The Filipino spirit of independence was revealed by Magellan's slaying by Lapu Lapu, a native chief; and

WHEREAS, The Philippines remained Spanish colonies until the conclusion of the Spanish-American War, which, by the Treaty of Paris in 1898, gave control of the Philippines to the United States; and

WHEREAS, American colonization, though turbulent at times, greatly aided the educational and economic development of the Philippines and planted the seeds for a long-lasting close relationship between the peoples and governments of the Philippines and the United States; and

WHEREAS, English is the official language of the Philippines and the government of the Philippines is democratic with a structure that separates powers in a manner similar to the government of the United States; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, the Japanese invaded the Philippines but were defeated by American and Filipino soldiers fighting side by side under General Douglas MacArthur; and