

# THE SENATE

OF THE

## COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

*2003 Regular Session*

*Senate Resolution No. 108*

*Monday, March 3, 2003*

*Senator Tom Buford and Senator Gerald Neal introduced the following resolution which was ordered to be printed.*

*A Resolution honoring the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery and the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery reenactment group.*

*"If we joined the army and were slain in battle, we would at least die in fighting for principle and freedom."*

*--Elijah P. Marrs, Company L, 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery.*

*Whereas, the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery was organized at Camp Nelson, Kentucky on July 15, 1864, and mustered out in Louisville on April 24, 1866, Regimental Headquarters being located in Camp Nelson, Munfordsville, Bowling Green, Columbus, and Louisville; and*

*Whereas, during its existence, the 12th participated actively and bravely in the war and, according to at least one officer during inspection, T. H. Farrell, deserved much praise for its officers and men; and*

*Whereas, the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery reenactment group was formed in 2002 with a purpose of providing an authentic portrayal of the men who served in the original regiment to help in building education outreach programs to demonstrate how soldiers of the time loaded and fired the artillery weapons of the era, as well as educating people about the role that African-Americans played in the American Civil War; and*

*Whereas, the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery reenactment group has taken an active role in educating themselves in black powder weapons fire safety procedures, and in period loading and firing techniques of nineteenth-century field artillery; and*

*Whereas, the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery reenactment group has staffed a learning station during the annual Jessamine County Education Field School at Camp Nelson, sponsored the first successful United States Colored Troops Training Camp for other African-American living history groups, participated in the 140th Anniversary Commemoration of the Battle of Perryville, and participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade in Wilmore, as well as having many more events scheduled in the near future;*

*Now, Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

*Section 1. The Senate does hereby honor and pay its respect to the original members of the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery for their contributions in the American Civil War fighting for principle and freedom.*

*Section 2. The Senate does hereby congratulate and pay its respect to the members of the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery reenactment group for their fine efforts in teaching history in a thoroughly accessible way through reenactment, and for providing an outlet*