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**RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE CHICAGO MILITARY ACADEMY-BRONZEVILLE  
AS THE SITE OF THE  
NATIONAL AFRICAN-AMERICAN MILITARY MUSEUM**

**WHEREAS**, efforts have been underway for the past year to establish a National African-American Military Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, artifacts and memorabilia of the African American-commanded "Fighting Eighth" Illinois National Guard Regiment are being gathered for display at the National African-American Military Museum; and

**WHEREAS**, the museum will serve as an archive for preserving and cataloging documents, pictures and artifacts depicting where and how African-American men and women served in every branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and the Colonial Armies from the earliest conflicts to present day; and

**WHEREAS**, the museum will serve as an institution of learning and a library for all ages, enabling school children, college students and the general public, as well as historians, to draw on a broad base of information on the accomplishments of individuals of color who served their country with devotion and valor; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions of more than a million individuals, 86 of whom were Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, will thus be preserved and made accessible for all time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, gathered here this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001, that the Chicago Military Academy-Bronzeville is officially designated as the site of the National African-American Military Museum.