



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

THE CENTENNIAL LEGION

1876 – 2010

Whereas: Taking the words of the late President Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address to heart in an effort to *bind up the nation's wounds* in 1875 at Charlestown, Massachusetts, at the centennial commemoration of the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill Major George W. McLean, Commander of the Old Guard of the City of New York and Captain Robert C. Gilchrist, Commander of the Washington Light Infantry, Charleston, South Carolina suggested the organization of a legion of historic military commands from the original thirteen states to foster a renewed patriotism and military fraternity and to put the anguish of civil war into the past to move the nation forward.

And

Whereas: The Centennial Legion was organized on 4 July 1876, in Philadelphia, at the Centennial Celebration comprised of Historic Military Commands from the thirteen original states.

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Whereas: The Eutaw Flag was included in the colors of the Centennial Legion and carried by the Washington Light Infantry.

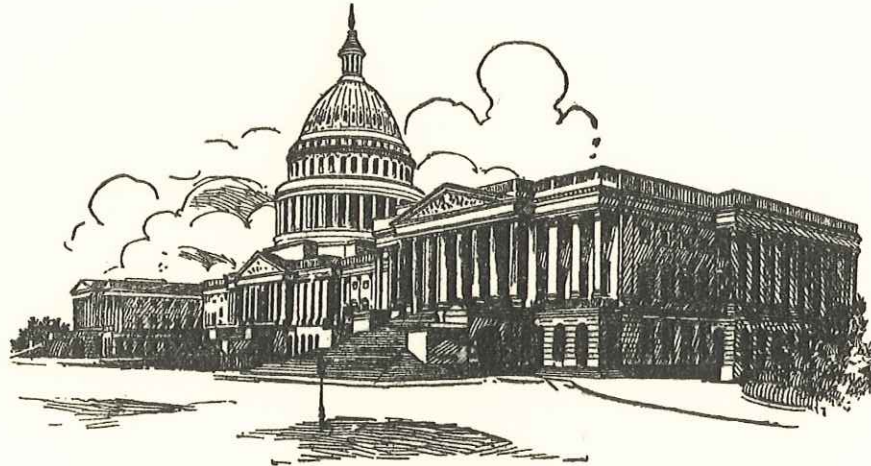
And

Whereas: Today 19 November 2010 at the most fitting location of Charlestown, Massachusetts, aboard the historic deck of U.S.S. Constitution, the nation's oldest commissioned warship afloat, those historic Legion colors are transferred once again in a change-of-command ceremony marking another step in a 134 year tradition of an organization that fosters patriotism, encourages national defense, upholds the institutions and integrity of the national institutions of the United States, encourages fraternal union and benevolence among our armed forces and recognizes and honors all veterans of those armed forces.

Therefore

Be it resolved: That today we recognize the patriotic contributions of this historic Legion which rose as the Phoenix from the ashes of national tragedy and works collectively to teach and impress respect for the flag of the United States, the Constitution of the United States, the obedience to constitutional authority, allegiance and loyalty to the United States, and faithfulness to our hallowed history and traditions.

United States Senator Scott P. Brown



recognizes

*The Centennial Legion
Change of Command*

In recognition of the patriotic contributions of this historic legion to a renewed spirit of patriotism and military fraternity.

*Scott P. Brown
United States Senator for Massachusetts*

November 19, 2010

Signed this day of