

Senators Jones, Bieda, Anderson, Booher, Marleau, Colbeck and Proos offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 135.

A resolution recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Department of Michigan's Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865.

Whereas, The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of its Department of Michigan charter; and

Whereas, The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, recognizes the unselfish sacrifices that our forefathers made to secure a future of prosperity for our nation; and

Whereas, It is the members' duty to sustain the memories of these ancestral fathers through continued education, preservation, and commemorative observance of all patriotic anniversaries; and

Whereas, The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, was incorporated as the National Alliance of the Daughters of Veterans of the United States of America on December 12, 1885, in Massillon, Ohio. The organization's name officially changed to its current form in 1944; and

Whereas, Chartered on June 17, 1914, the Department of Michigan serves as a subordinate organization to the National Department; and

Whereas, Local groups are called tents and are named in honor of Army nurses who served in the Civil War or any loyal woman of the Civil War era whose patriotic deeds during the years 1861-1865 were recorded; and

Whereas, By 1914, Michigan organized four tents: Cadillac, Grand Rapids, Detroit, and Saginaw. Currently, two of these original tents still exist: Eva Gray Tent No. 2 - Grand Rapids and Sarah M.W. Sterling Tent No. 3 - Detroit; and

Whereas, Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, consist of the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of any generation of soldiers and sailors who served in the Union Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service during the rebellion between April 12, 1861 - April 9, 1865, who were honorably discharged or died while serving. Eligibility is only allowed through lineal descent; and

Whereas, Each member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, actively preserves her Civil War heritage, honors her ancestry, and promotes patriotism for the United States of America; and

Whereas, The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, was federally chartered on December 9, 1985; and

Whereas, The Department of Michigan's Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, actively "keep green the memory" of the boys in blue who served so valiantly, as stated in their Articles of Incorporation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we hereby officially recognize and celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Department of Michigan's Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865. We honor this organization and the members who dedicate themselves to keeping the memory of these brave Union soldiers alive and honored as great patriots.