

that all the people of Wisconsin mourn with them the loss of one so universally known, loved and respected.

RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions, signed by the presiding officers and clerks of the Senate and Assembly be presented to the family of Senator Stebbins.

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[No. 16, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

WHEREAS this body has heard with deep regret of the death of Hon. Francis A. Hoffman, for thirty years one of Wisconsin's most esteemed citizens, who by his able writings, which made him known all over our country, furthered in a marked degree the agricultural interests of America, and of the State of Wisconsin in particular, and who as Lieutenant and Acting Governor of the State of Illinois during the trying period of the Civil War ably and usefully served his country, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that we hereby express our regrets at the loss of such a worthy citizen, and that the Legislature take public notice of his death.

RESOLVED further, that this resolution be enrolled and a copy thereof transmitted to the sorrowing wife and family to whom we tender our deepest sympathy in their great bereavement.

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[No. 5, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7.

Agreeing to a proposed amendment to the constitution.

WHEREAS, at the biennial session of the legislature for the year 1901, an amendment to the constitution of this State (the same being in fact an amendment to section four, of article 7. thereof as amended in 1877) was proposed and agreed to by a

majority of the members elect of each of the two houses, which proposed amendment was in the following language:

RESOLVED, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that section 1 of article 7 of the constitution be amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. The chief justice and associate justices of the supreme court shall be severally known as the justices of said court, with the same terms of office of ten years respectively as now provided. The supreme court shall consist of seven justices, any four of whom shall be a quorum, to be elected as now provided, not more than one each year. The justice having been longest a continuous member of said court, or in case two or more such senior justices shall have served for the same length of time, then the one whose commission first expires shall be ex-officio, the chief justice.

THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Assembly, the senate concurring: that the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Wisconsin be and the same is hereby agreed to by this legislature.

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[No. 14, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8.

Extending thanks of Legislature to Prof. J. C. Freeman.

RESOLVED by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that the thanks of the Legislature be extended to Professor J. C. Freeman for the excellent address which he delivered before us on the evening of February 25th, 1903.