

[No. 28, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11.

Memorializing Congress to pass H. R. Bill No. 21848, appropriating \$50,000 for the work of the Lincoln Farm Association.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That

WHEREAS, The entire country, and particularly the state of Wisconsin and its citizens are desirous of honoring the memory of Abraham Lincoln, and

WHEREAS, No more fitting memorial could be preserved than his birth-place, be it

Resolved, That we concur in urging our members in congress to use all diligence to procure the passage of House Bill No. 21848, which seeks to have Congress make an appropriation of \$50,000 for the work of the Lincoln Farm Association.

And be it further resolved, That the chief clerks and presiding officers of the two houses shall certify to Congress the passage of this resolution by the Wisconsin legislature.

[No. 15, S]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12.

To amend section 31 of article IV of the constitution, relating to special legislation.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That section 31 of article IV of the constitution be amended by adding at the end the following: Except that the legislature may enact special legislation with reference to the city at which is located the seat of government and the State University, including the power to amend the city charter of such city and its debt limit.

[No. 54, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13.

Relating to the death of the Honorable Chauncey B. Welton

WHEREAS, Since the last session of the legislature Honorable Chauncey B. Welton, a former Senator of Wisconsin from the twenty-sixth district has departed this life.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring. That in the death of Senator Welton the state has lost one of its most eminent servants, and the city of his home one of its most useful and honorable citizens. Mr. Welton was a soldier in the Civil War, and as such rendered gallant and faithful services which entitled him to the thanks of the nation for which he fought. A long and honorable business career, in which no man can point to a dishonorable act, gave him the profound respect of the people in whose midst he lived and labored; and in his services in the legislature of Wisconsin, and in the postal service of the United States, he showed the very highest qualities of ability, energy, and devotion to duty, which made his example an inspiration to many others, the records of which will be a precious heritage to those he left behind.

Resolved further. That these resolutions be entered in the journal, and that a copy, suitably engrossed, signed by the president and chief clerk of the Senate, and by the speaker and chief clerk of the Assembly, be forwarded to the family of Senator Welton.

[No. 68. A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14.

On the death of the Honorable Atley Peterson.

The "great leveler" having closed the career of the Honorable Atley Peterson at his home in Soldiers Grove, on Monday, March 29, 1909, it is fitting that the legislature of Wisconsin express its appreciation of his services to the state and his character as a citizen.

Coming to Wisconsin from a foreign country when a child of five years, having only the opportunities for learning afforded to the children of the pioneers of fifty years ago, he made the most of them, and acquired a fund of knowledge that in early manhood commanded recognition. For four sessions, from 1879 to 1882 he served as a member of the Wisconsin Assembly. Later for four years he served the state as its railroad commissioner. As a representative of his party he was repeatedly called into its county, state and national conventions. Wherever placed he met the expectations of friends and secured the respect of opponents. After thus passing through the furnace of political strife and official station, "no smell of the fire" was found on him.