

[No. 13, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

On the life and services of Judge Romanzo Bunn.

WHEREAS, The legislature of Wisconsin, learning with profound sorrow of the death at his home in Madison, January 25, 1909, of Judge Romanzo Bunn, respectfully desires to record a tribute to his memory.

Judge Bunn was a strong type of our best citizenship, and his life was largely given to the cause of the public. In 1860 he served with force and fidelity as a member of the Assembly, and later for nearly forty years on the state and federal bench where he acquired the distinction of being a just, upright and able judge. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That this expression of the sentiment of the legislature be incorporated with the official proceedings of this day, and that an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to the family.

[No. 12, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Asking the Congress of the United States to refuse to enact the measure now pending, relating to United States pension agencies.

WHEREAS, It has come to the notice of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin that a measure is pending before the Congress of the United States which aims at the removal of seventeen United States pension agencies from their present locations throughout the country, to the city of Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, These pension agencies were established years ago for the convenience and accommodation of then only two hundred and thirty-two thousand pensioners of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The number of pensioners has since that time increased to nearly one million (being 951,687, June 30, 1908) and as this number is likely to further increase owing to legislation, affecting widows, enacted April 19, 1908; and

WHEREAS, This legislature is informed that all of the pensioners of the United States are vigorously protesting against

this proposed centralization, consolidation, and removal to Washington, D. C., of these seventeen pension agencies, as inimical to their interest and convenience; it is therefore

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin respectfully asks the Congress of the United States to refuse to enact such a measure, being fully convinced that the system at present in use, to which all pensioners have now become accustomed will better subserve the interests of this vast body of pensioners, who owing to their services to the country, as well as to their advanced age are certainly entitled to consideration of their views and wishes on a measure that so vitally affects them.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the secretary of state to the Senate of the United States and to the House of Representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives from this state.

[No. 11, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 3.

Asking congress of the United States to enact into law H.
R. 39,

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin that a measure is pending before the congress of the United States (H. R. No. 39), intending to extend the limits of the Shiloh national military park for the purpose of showing, by appropriate markers, the movements of the confederate army in its approach to Shiloh, and the movements of the Union army, under General Halleck in its advance from Shiloh to Corinth, and for making the said park accessible, at all times, to those who desire to visit it; and

WHEREAS, This state, as well as the government of the United States, the states of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Alabama, and Tennessee have expended large sums of money by erecting monuments therein and otherwise beautifying the same; it is therefore

Resolved, That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin respectfully asks and urges the congress of the United States to enact, at the earliest moment practicable, said H. R. bill No. 39 into law, so as to enable as many people as pos-