

[Jt. Res. No. 48, S.]

[Deposited March 24, 1931.]

No. 42, 1931.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the death of the late Congressman Henry Allen Cooper.

WHEREAS, Hon. Henry Allen Cooper, who died on Sunday, March 1, 1931, was for more than forty years one of the outstanding public figures of this state and was one of Wisconsin's best known public men. A native of Wisconsin, born in Walworth County in 1850 and graduated from Northwestern University and the Union College of Law, he began his public career in 1880 as district attorney of Racine County, a position to which he was twice reelected without opposition. In 1886 he became a state senator and was the author of the law which established the Australian ballot system in this state, then in 1892 he was elected to the House of Representatives and was thereafter reelected each two years, with the exception of 1918. He completed altogether thirty-six years of service in Congress and on March 4 would have entered upon a new term to which he was elected by a very large majority last November. He was at the time of his death the oldest member in point of service in either House of Congress and had to his credit a service exceeded by but few men in the entire history of the country.

Throughout his long career Congressman Cooper was known as one of the most active influential members of the House of Representatives. As a member of the Foreign Relations Committee he had a very large part in determining the international relations of this country. He seldom missed a session, was an active participant in debate, and had the reputation of being a member who knew what he was voting upon at all times.

A fearless independent, Congressman Cooper commanded the confidence and respect of all his colleagues. In 1909 he was one of the leaders in the insurgent movement in the fight against Cannonism and ever after was the leader of the so-called Progressive element in the House of Representatives, repeatedly receiving the votes of this group for the position of Speaker. In pursuing

this policy which his convictions commended, Congressman Cooper sacrificed committee chairmanships and possible election to the Speakership, yet by sheer integrity and ability influenced legislation probably as much as any man with whom he served in Congress. Courteous and fair at all times, he was one of the best beloved of the members of the House and perhaps its most striking personality. His erect figure and dignified presence signalled him out among his colleagues and commanded the attention of each visitor.

Henry Allen Cooper belongs to the entire nation, but Wisconsin regards him as one of her greatest citizens. His death culminates a career of exceptional usefulness, a life well spent in the service of his fellowmen; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this resolution be spread in full upon the journals of both houses as an appreciation of the public service rendered by Congressman Cooper and that a properly attested copy of this resolution be sent to his widow as an expression of heartfelt sympathy of the members of the Legislature.

[Jt. Res. No. 23, S.]

[Deposited Mar. 27, 1931.]

No. 46, 1931

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the manufacture and sale of beer and wines.

WHEREAS, This country is now faced with a most serious depression and there are few, if any, measures which will accomplish so much to stimulate business and employment as would a modification of the Volstead act to allow the manufacture and sale of beer and wine; and

WHEREAS, Legislation of the manufacture of beer alone would afford employment to nearly two million men, would mean increased sales and earnings to the farmers, grain dealers, automobile and truck companies, and box and bottle factories, would stimulate railroad transportation, real estate, and other kindred businesses,