

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 31, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Requesting the Wisconsin senators and representatives in congress to secure the passage of a joint resolution in congress, permitting the state of Wisconsin to place a statue of Pere Marquette in the old hall of the house of representatives at Washington.

WHEREAS, By section 1817, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, each of the states is invited to provide, and to present to congress for erection in the old hall of the house of representatives at Washington, marble or bronze statues of one or two of its deceased residents, who have been illustrious for their historic renown, or their distinguished civic or military services, such as the state shall determine to be worthy of this national commendation, and

WHEREAS, By chapter 544, of the laws of Wisconsin, for the year 1887, it was enacted that Pere Marquette be designated by the state of Wisconsin as one of such persons, and the governor was authorized and directed to have placed in the hall of the said house of representatives a statue of Pere Marquette, the faithful missionary, whose work among the Indians, and explorations within the borders of the state in the early days, are recognized all over the civilized world; and

WHEREAS, To remove a technical objection, the house of representatives did, on the eighth day of April, 1892, unanimously pass the following resolutions, introduced by Mr. Mitchell, of Wisconsin:

"Resolved by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that the State of Wisconsin be, and is, hereby authorized and granted the privilege of placing in statuary hall, at the capital, the statue of Pere Marquette, the faithful missionary, whose work among the Indians, and explorations within the borders of said state in early days, are recog-

nized all over the civilized world," which resolution is still pending before the senate of the United states; therefore be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring: That our representatives in the United States senate be, and they are hereby earnestly requested, to secure the passage of said resolution before the close of the present session of congress, so that the will of the people of Wisconsin, as expressed by law, may be made effective.

Resolved. That the governor be, and is hereby requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress.

[No. 20, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

On the death of Honorable James G. Blaine.

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring: That the legislature of Wisconsin records its appreciation of the great loss sustained by the republic in the death of the Honorable James G. Blaine. In him were blended in rare degree elements of great personal and intellectual strength. Genial and attractive in his personality, of profound and varied scholarship, of peculiar grace and power as an orator, a prince among the parliamentarians, of marvelous quickness and resources, in debate wise, but aggressive and brilliant, as a party leader subtle, farsighted and skillful as a diplomat, his career compelled the admiration of men, and running through it all was a steady and steadfast devotion to American interests which won for him the respect of all our people, regardless of party ties. His hold upon the love and confidence of the masses of those whose political principles were in harmony with his own was unrivalled in this or any other generation, and that he held in the highest degree the respect of his political adversaries, finds significant evidence in the proceedings of the last national democratic convention, and in the universality of the sorrow which his death has caused. The death of such a man cannot be otherwise than a great public calamity.

Resolved. That we tender to the widow and surviving children of the deceased statesman the sympathy of the people of Wisconsin.