

able character, that his home city lost a citizen of wide and good repute, a neighbor whose good and kindly offices were numberless as well as bountiful, that the church lost a liberal and unblemished adherent and that we sincerely bear this testimony to the worth and kindliness of a man whose like we shall not soon look upon again.

RESOLVED that we hereby tender his stricken family such possible consolation as may be in heartfelt sympathy, thoughtful commiseration and the assurance that our sorrow and sense of loss are constantly emphasized by our knowledge of the unspeakable character of that which they must endure.

RESOLVED that these resolutions be entered in the journal and that a copy suitably engrossed and signed by the President and Chief Clerk of the Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the Assembly, be sent to the bereaved family.

[No. 9, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

WHEREAS since we last convened death has removed from among our number the Honorable De Wayne Stebbins, who departed this life June 12th, 1901, therefore

RESOLVED by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that in the death of this eminent Senator the Senate has lost one of its most patient and influential members, the State of Wisconsin one of its noblest sons and the country one of its bravest defenders. His gallant service in the American navy, under Farragut, will long be remembered by the American people. His services to the country in the hour of need is a worthy example to the rising generation. His good business qualities, his loyalty to duty, his kindness of heart, his faith in a friend, his high character, his honor in fulfilling promises made, his winning personality, all leave a record of nobility and frankness that will live in our hearts as a blossom to remind us of dear Senator Stebbins.

RESOLVED that we tender to the bereaved family of the honored dead our most earnest expression of sympathy, assuring them

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.

[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.

[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