

large money losses, not only in such afflicted territory but in other portions of the nation, and,

WHEREAS, It has been declared by every member of the engineer corps of the United States army who has dealt with such floods, by the Mississippi River Commission and by other commissions appointed by congress that such floods can be prevented at a reasonable cost, and,

WHEREAS, The work of such flood prevention has been going on for many years in the least economical way and over two-thirds of its cost has been borne by the damaged sections, who can no longer cope with this giant problem without effective aid from the national government, and,

WHEREAS, All political parties have declared in their campaign platforms that flood control of the Mississippi river is a national duty, therefore,

*Be It Resolved*, By the legislature of the state of Wisconsin that the congress of the United States be and is hereby requested to fulfill this national duty at its next session and to enact such legislation as shall provide a separate and comprehensive plan for the prevention of such floods without delay.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be sent to the speaker of the house of representatives and to the president of the senate of the congress of the United States.

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[Jt. Res. No. 32, S.]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Relating to the death of the Hon. Samuel S. Fifield.

Samuel S. Fifield, former lieutenant-governor, state senator, speaker of the assembly, journalist and statesman, died at his home at Ashland, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, February 17, 1915.

Governor Fifield was born in Corinna, Penobscot county, Maine, June 24, 1839. He became a resident of Wisconsin in 1854 and engaged in the newspaper business at Prescott, Taylor's Falls and Osceola Mills, moving to Ashland in 1872. Here he established and edited the Ashland Press; was elected chairman of the first town board of supervisors of Ashland in 1872; sergeant at arms of the assembly in 1871 and 1872; assemblyman in 1874, 1875 and 1876, acting as speaker during the latter year; served as state senator in the sessions of 1877, 1880 and 1881; and was lieutenant governor during the administration of Governor Jeremiah M. Rusk, declining a renomination. Has since served sixteen years as postmaster at Ashland.

He was a pioneer in the development of Northern Wisconsin and identified with every effort to build up his home city and county. He was interested in many local enterprises and was ever ready to lend his counsel, his work, and financial aid in the promotion of business and municipal affairs.

During his long service as a public servant the finger of suspicion was never once raised against him. His record was not only clear, but bright with honest endeavor and many brilliant achievements.

He was intensely patriotic and it was ever a source of deep regret that his enlistment was refused on behalf of the cause he loved so well.

His personal friends were legion and limited only by the number of his acquaintances.

Perhaps his strongest characteristic was loyalty to his friends, to his home city and to his country.

His passing marks the end of a career of uncommon usefulness, and the loss of an honest, efficient and respected citizen and public official; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That this expression of the sentiment of the legislature be incorporated with the official proceedings of the day as a tribute to this highly respected citizen, and that a copy of this resolution suitably engrossed and properly authenticated, be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

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[Jt. Res. No. 47, A.]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Relating to the concert held in the Assembly Chamber, March 10, 1915.

*Resolved, by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That a vote of thanks be extended to Mrs. Forest Eastman of New York City, harpist, and to Mrs. George B. Skogmo of River Falls, Wisconsin, contralto, for the delightful concert given by them for the entertainment of the members of the legislature, capitol employes and friends under the auspices of the Capitol Mutual Club, March 10, 1915.

*Resolved, further,* That a copy of this resolution be printed in the journal and a copy thereof presented to Mrs. Forest Eastman and to Mrs. George B. Skogmo.