

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

[No. 10, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

Relating to the death of Honorable Henry Smith of Milwaukee.

Honorable Henry Smith, a former member of the assembly, died at Milwaukee, September 15, 1916. Mr. Smith was born in Baltimore, Maryland, July 22, 1838. He received a common school education and came to Wisconsin in 1845, settling in Milwaukee where he resided until his death.

Mr. Smith performed a long and useful service to his city, state and nation. He was elected to and served in the common council of the city of Milwaukee in 1868 and since then, for a period of twenty-five years, up to the time of his death. In 1878 he served one year as a member of the assembly, and from 1882 to 1884 he was chosen city comptroller of the city of Milwaukee; from 1887 to 1889 he served as a member of congress from the fourth congressional district. In all of these important positions of public trust the Honorable Henry Smith distinguished himself with ability and a sincere devotion to duty. His entire record was one of faithful independent public service. He was a man of indomitable persistence and aggressive energy in the pursuit of what he believed right. The confidence imposed in him during his thirty-six years of public service is an everlasting monument to him, indicative of the esteem in which he was held and of the high regard had for his judgment upon public questions. He passed away a poor man, as the world judges riches, because he sought to serve rather than to get. He lived and worked for the people in an age when reform was ridiculed to the time when graft was punished and through all he worked with one unswerving motive, to serve the people honestly, uprightly and for their lasting benefit.

In one of his last speeches made before he died he prophesied his own death in the following words: "I am not afraid to die and I realize that I must go soon, but I hate to give up the fight in behalf of the people. My only regret is that I cannot

stay and keep on fighting against the damnable attempts that are being made to deprive the people of their rights. Unless the common people wake up they will soon find their liberties gone. I would like to stay and keep in the fight I have made all my life."

Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)

Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,

And saw within the moonlight in his room,

Making it rich and like a lily in bloom,

An angel writing in a book of gold:—

Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,

And to the presence in the room he said,

• "What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,

And, with a look made of all sweet accord,

Answered, "The names of those who love the Lord."

"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"

Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,

But cheerily still; and said, "I pray thee, then,

Write me as one that loves his fellow-men."

The angel wrote and vanished. The next night

It came again, with a great awakening light,

And showed the names whom love of God had bless'd,

And, lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest!

May it not be then, that, like Abou Ben Adhem's, the name of Henry Smith, the public servant, will appear above all the rest? Therefore be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the Honorable Henry Smith, That these resolutions be spread upon the journals of both houses, and that a copy thereof, properly attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of both houses, be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

[No. 23, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2.

Relating to the death of Hon. George W. Peck.

George Wilbur Peck, twice governor of Wisconsin, former mayor of Milwaukee, and known to the literary and juvenile world as the author of "Peck's Bad Boy", died on April 16, 1916.

Mr. Peck was born on September 28, 1840, in the town of Henderson, New York. He came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1843 and for most of the rest of his life he made his home