

of the government, in crushing the rebellion and bringing the leaders thereof to condign punishment.

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due, and are hereby tendered to our army and navy for their gallantry in defending and upholding the flag of our country, and principles dear to every patriotic heart.

*Resolved*, That we recognize in Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States, a statesman of liberal and enlarged views, great ability and unswerving integrity; and if the wishes of the people of the state of Wisconsin are complied with by the national union convention that assembles to nominate a candidate for the presidency, Abraham Lincoln will again be nominated.

Approved March 5, 1864.

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### NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the Niagara ship canal.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring*, That, whereas, the vast and rapidly increasing products of the western states require additional means of water communication between Lake Erie and the seaboard; and, whereas, the safety of the commerce and commercial cities of the upper lakes, as well as the security and independence of the government, demand a channel within our own lines adequate for the passage, in times of war, of war vessels between those lakes and the Atlantic ocean—we deem the Niagara ship canal a work of unqualified national character, and of great military and commercial importance, and we invoke for its construction, in preference to any work of its kind, the active aid of congress at the earliest period when the condition of the national finances shall admit of the expenditure.

Approved March 18, 1864.

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### NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION relative to the Northwestern ship canal convention.

WHEREAS, The house of representatives of the state of Iowa, by resolution duly authenticated under the seal of said state, through the Hon. W. J. Gilchrist, one of its members, has transmitted to the legislature of Wisconsin an invitation to attend the