

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.

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.

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

Northwestern ship canal convention, appointed to meet in the city of Dubuque, on the first Wednesday of May next; and

WHEREAS, The object of said convention, in our estimation, is one of not only vital present and increasing importance to the great commercial interests of our own state, and an imperious necessity to a speedy and full development of the great resources of our sister state of Iowa and of the entire northwest in times of peace, but one which in times of war may be developed into a speedy, cheap and sure means of defense to populous cities and thousands of miles of now almost defenseless frontier: Therefore,

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That we hail with much gratification so vigorous a manifestation in behalf of so worthy and patriotic an object by our sister state, and hereby recommend that as many of the members of this legislature as conveniently can, as well as of other citizens throughout the state, attend said convention; and we hereby pledge our sympathy and hearty co-operation in all that can contribute to secure success to the result of its enlightened deliberations.

Resolved, That we tender to the house of representatives of the state of Iowa, and the friends of this movement, our thanks for the privilege of thus participating in the promotion of an interest of such stupendous magnitude, and of such vital and enduring interest to our own state, the northwest and to our common country.

Resolved, That the clerk of the senate be directed to transmit to the Hon. W. J. Gilchrist, at McGregor, Iowa, an engrossed copy of the foregoing preamble and resolutions, duly authenticated by the secretary of state, to be by him presented to the house of representatives of Iowa, and to the said canal convention, if he shall deem it advisable.

Approved April 4, 1864.