

Be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That in his removal the people of Wisconsin have sustained a loss that can never be fully repaired, and that in his career and achievements they have a heritage which will forever shed luster upon their state, and be cherished and honored by our common country; and,

Be it further resolved, That these resolutions be enrolled and a copy thereof, signed by the proper officers of the senate and assembly and by the governor, be transmitted to the sorrowing family of the late General Rusk, to whom we extend, with that of the people he loved so dearly and served so well, our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolence.

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13.

Honorable Henry Cassius Thom, having through the dispensation of an overruling Providence been removed from our midst, and the members of the senate and assembly being desirous of expressing in some permanent form their esteem of the character and virtues of the man who has passed away from among the living, and to voice their sorrow for the loss which has fallen upon the commonwealth and for the bereavement which has so sorely afflicted his immediate family, his widow and children; it is hereby

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring:

1. That in the death of Mr. Thom the state has been deprived of a citizen in the full maturity of his powers, when most honored and useful, one of broad attainments, of upright character and patriotic purposes; that as a citizen he was devotedly attached to the principles of popular government, and by the favor of the people of his native state he was enabled to render to them and to the commonwealth conspicuous and lasting services in connection with its great educational and agricul-

tural interests; that as a firm and consistent adherent to the principles of a great party he became its chosen leader in two strongly contested campaigns, and while as such meeting the just expectations of his political associates, he was nevertheless distinguished as one who placed duty above expediency, the public welfare above mere temporary party success, and as one who would stoop to no unfair or disreputable methods for the sake of personal or partisan advantage; that the strife and rancor of party conflict and factional dissensions could raise in him no personal resentments, could extort from him in retaliation no word of bitterness, no act of unkindness; that in practical politics, exercising the highest functions and prerogatives of free and intelligent citizenship, he stood as the exponent of the purer and better methods of party warfare, a leader zealous, courageous and progressive, he had faith in the intelligence and integrity of the masses, and sought to influence them to action not by pandering to ignorance and prejudice, but by an appeal to their understanding and judgment; that his fairness and impartiality in dealing with persons and factions in his own party and in his relations towards his political opponents, his steadfast convictions, his adherence to better methods, and his devotion to higher aims of successful leadership, are conspicuous and honorable characteristics in a successful political career, which are worthy the emulation of others who may assume the labors and responsibilities of party management in the state or nation.

2. That Mr. Thom in his daily life illustrated all the virtues of the highest manhood; of singular purity in word and deed, modest and unassuming in deportment, yet possessing deep convictions which he was ever ready to declare and uphold; full of candor and of all charitableness toward his fellowmen, yet firm and resolute in the discharge of every duty; a man of worthy aims, diligently devoting all the energies of a vigorous and self-reliant manhood to the labors and pursuits of every day life; strong in every element of his nature, he was kind and sympathetic and helpful to his fellowmen; his consideration and devotion to his family can be fully appreciated only by those who shared in his hourly attentions and boundless affection.

3. That in testimony of our appreciation of the life and character of Mr. Thom, and of the honorable and

useful example they afford to the people of his native state, and as a loving token of kind remembrance to our departed friend and fellow citizen, these resolutions be spread upon the journals, and that the senate and assembly adjourn for this day during the hours set apart for his funeral.

4. That we tender to the family of the deceased our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their great affliction and irreparable loss.

5. That a copy of these resolutions, properly enrolled, be transmitted to the disconsolate widow of our deceased friend.