

of Wisconsin, be amended so as to read as follows: 2. Persons of foreign birth who, prior to the first day of December, A. D. 1908, shall have declared their intentions to become citizens conformable to the laws of the United States on the subject of naturalization, provided that the rights hereby granted to such persons shall cease on the first day of December, A. D. 1912.

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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16.

On the life and services of the late Hon. A. R. Hall.

In His wisdom, the Supreme Ruler of the universe on June 2nd, 1905, removed from the sphere of human activity and usefulness, Albert R. Hall, a leading citizen of Wisconsin, preeminently a defender and advocate of government, by the people, and in his life an exemplar of civic honor and virtue.

He was a member of the Wisconsin legislature five consecutive terms. The earnestness and consistency with which he labored for the improvement of government in this commonwealth, the influence which he exerted in advancing and directing policies which have been wrought into the constitution, and the law, making it fitting that a tribute to his memory be entered in the permanent records of this state.

Albert R. Hall was born at Hartford, Windsor county, Vermont, May 20th, 1841; removed with his parents to Boston four years later; attended the public schools of Boston until 1856, when the family removed to Minnesota.

He enlisted in Company D, Second Regiment, Minnesota Infantry, Volunteers, June 21st, 1861; was promoted to corporal and first sergeant; was wounded at the battle of Chicamauga; was mustered out July 4th, 1864 on completion of his three years' term of service; re-enlisted and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company G, Eleventh Regiment Minnesota Infantry Volunteers. He was mustered out with his regiment June 26, 1865, and returned to Minnesota. Mr. Hall's disinterested concern in public affairs was recognized by his neighbors who elected him to several local offices and finally to the

house of representatives of the Minnesota legislature, where he served seven successive terms, in three of which he was speaker of that body.

He removed to Knapp, Dunn county, Wisconsin, in 1880, and soon gained the confidence and esteem of his new neighbors, was chosen to serve in local public offices. He was elected to the assembly from Dunn county in 1890; re-elected in 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898 and 1900, when he retired to his farm in Knapp, Dunn county, where he remained until his death.

Albert R. Hall, early in his legislative career in this state, realized the injustice of the system under which the railroads and other public service corporations were taxed, the right and duty of the state to control transportation charges, and the necessity for the people to make direct nominations. Although he did not, as a legislator, participate in framing the statute which created the railway rate commission, or that which established the principle of primary elections, no tribute to his memory could be adequate which did not recognize and acknowledge the influence he exerted in directing attention to and in moulding public opinion favorable to these two principles now recognized in the law of the state.

He represented, in the highest degree, the American ideal of citizenship. In the sphere of his influence which came to include the entire state he led men to cleaner views and loftier conceptions of the duties of citizenship. He possessed absolute faith in the ultimate judgment of the people. The amendment to the constitution, prohibiting the granting of free transportation and other favors by public service corporations to public officials and the statute establishing a more just and equitable system of taxation for railroad corporations, stand as monuments to that faith and to his wisdom as a legislator.

Albert R. Hall had untiring industry, tenacity of purpose, and sublime courage. "He feared nothing except to do wrong." He never swerved from the path of duty. The public welfare was ever uppermost with him. He served the people—not self. Chivalrous to his opponents, considerate of all, he was unyielding in principle. In view of his distinguished services and of the universal love and esteem in which he was held by the citizens of this state;

*Be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That in the death of Albert R. Hall, we deeply feel the loss to the state of an honest and patriotic citizen, the best years of whose life were given to the preservation of the nation, and the development of our industrial and commercial life, whose noble record

should serve as an inspiration worthy of emulation, and whose memory should be forever revered by all friends of representative government.

*Resolved further,* That the sympathy and condolence of this legislature are extended to the members of his family in the personal loss they have sustained.

*Resolved further,* That these resolutions be properly engrossed and that one copy be sent to the family and another be framed and hung in the assembly chamber.