

sible to visit this beautiful park made historic by one of the most sanguinary battles fought during the civil war.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the secretary of state to the senate of the United States and to the house of representatives of the United States and to each of the senators and representatives from this state.

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[No. 41, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4.

Petitioning the congress of the United States for the enactment of a law creating a volunteer retired list.

WHEREAS, It has been the policy of this country from the beginning to maintain a small regular army, and in times of war to rely upon the patriotism of the people to rally as volunteers in defense of the national flag; and

WHEREAS, It is a recognized fact that the civil war, 1861 to 1865, forms the most sanguinary chapter in the history of the world; that the regular army during that struggle was maintained at about 25,000 men, while the volunteers numbered more than two million five hundred thousand of officers and enlisted men, and

WHEREAS, It is a recognized fact that the union of these states was preserved, and the national authority maintained by the patriotism, fortitude and valor of the volunteers, to whom this great united people, now enjoying the inestimable blessings of a preserved Union, owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid; therefore,

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring*. That we request the senators and representatives of the 60th congress from the state of Wisconsin, to aid in the prompt enactment of a law in effect creating a volunteer retired list upon which may be placed with retired pay, upon application, the surviving volunteer officers of the army, navy, and marines of the United States and enlisted men who served with credit during the civil war; such survivors now constituting a small remnant of that body of gallant men who led the Union forces to final victory.

*Resolved further*. That in our opinion the precedents of congressional legislation fully justify the enactment of this law—namely, the Acts of 1828 and 1832, granting retired pay during life to the surviving officers and enlisted men of the

army, navy, and marines of the revolution; the Act of 1901, retiring Charles A. Boutelle, a volunteer officer of the Union navy with the rank and retired pay of captain of the navy; the Acts of 1904, 1906, and 1907, granting increased rank and retired pay to the officers of the regular army and navy, based solely on the ground that they had "served with credit during the civil war;" and the Act of 1905, providing for the retirement of two officers of volunteers, namely, Generals Joseph R. Hawley and P. J. Osterhaus, with rank and retired pay of brigadier-generals.

*Therefore it is further resolved,* That in our opinion the surviving officers of volunteers of the army, navy, and marines and enlisted men who served with credit in the great war for the preservation of the Union are entitled to receive from the national government honors and emoluments equal to those which had heretofore been bestowed upon those who served in time of war in defense of the country.

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[No. 50, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5.

Relating to legislative directories.

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That the chief clerks of the assembly and senate be and they are hereby instructed to have printed 500 copies of the legislative directory bound in leather, and 1,000 additional copies of the preliminary directory as printed for the use of members.

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[No. 46, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6.

Providing that the legislature institute measures leading to repairs of the Portage levee.

WHEREAS, A part of the levee along the north bank of the Wisconsin river at Portage, to-wit:—about 3½ miles of the lower part of such levee, locally known as the "government levee." is in urgent need of immediate repairs, and

WHEREAS, This part of the levee was built by the general government in 1888, and maintained by the general govern-