

of the character and services of Dr. Hans Heinrich Forkmann and as an expression of profound sorrow at his loss and of sincere sympathy for his family; and be it further

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions, attested by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the senate and assembly, be transmitted to Mrs. Forkmann, widow of the deceased, at the city of Mayville.

[Jt. Res. No. 95, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 31.

Relating to the death of Honorable M. C. Ring of Neillsville, Wisconsin.

Merritt C. Ring was born at Milton, Wisconsin, October 30, 1850, and died at Neillsville, Wisconsin, July 21, 1915. In 1856 he removed to Madison and thence to Sparta, where he was educated and grew to manhood. After teaching public school for a time he entered the law department of the University of Wisconsin, graduating in 1873. Shortly thereafter he went to Neillsville and opened his law office. He attained splendid success in his profession and was identified with important litigation.

Early in his career as a lawyer Mr. Ring took an active interest in politics, becoming one of the local leaders of the republican party. He was elected to the state senate in 1885 and to the assembly in 1889 and served on important committees in each body. In 1892 he was special statistical agent for the United States department of agriculture for Europe, with headquarters at London, and while there he also acted as deputy consul-general at London. In 1895 he received the appointment of attorney for the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, which position he held for several years. During his later years he was greatly interested in agriculture, carrying on a large stock farm. He was also very active in promoting the educational and social advancement of his community.

He is survived by his widow and three daughters.

Mr. Ring was a man of great strength of mind and in his prime exerted a wide influence throughout the state. His intellect was penetrating and his power as a public speaker gave him wide power. Naturally courageous and conservative he came into vigorous contact with opponents. He never shrank from a conflict to defend or extend his views. In his later years he developed a kindly philosophy of life and old political strife had long been forgotten.

Merritt C. Ring was a man of power, strength and courage who left his imprint for good upon his community and the state. He was a man who stood by his friends, and withal a gentle and kindly man. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That in the death of Merritt C. Ring the state has lost a respected citizen and one who has been a valued public servant, and those who knew him personally have lost a good and loyal friend; and be it further

Resolved, That this expression of appreciation be entered upon the journals of the two houses and that an engrossed copy, properly attested by the legislative officers, be conveyed to the family of the deceased.

[Jt. Res. No. 36, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32.

Directing the Conservation Commission of Wisconsin to investigate all matters relating to the taking, protection, propagation and conservation of fish and game and all forms of wild animal and bird life, and to propose and recommend a revision and codification of all fish and game laws.

WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin now has no natural resource within its borders of greater value or importance to all of its people than its fish and game and other forms of wild animal and bird life, and

WHEREAS, The song and insect and rodent-eating birds are of inestimable value in the destruction of insects and noxious weed seeds, and

WHEREAS, The destruction of the fish and game and bird resources of the state has increased within recent years to such an alarming extent that public welfare demands and requires effective, intelligent and practical legislation for the purpose of conserving, propagating and protecting such natural resources, and

WHEREAS, It is further well recognized that existing legislation relating to the taking, protecting and propagating of fish, game and birds is largely local in its character, chaotic, unscientific and inharmonious, and

WHEREAS, Other states and governments have heretofore, through legislation and otherwise, devoted to the subject much thought and experience and have enacted effective and practical legislation pertaining to the subject of conservation, protection