

[Jt. Res. No. 73, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55.

Memorializing congress to prohibit the purchase of liberty bonds by scalpers and providing a penalty therefor.

WHEREAS, In the best interests of our country's welfare, our government has found it necessary and desirable to issue, promote and sell liberty bonds as a provision towards the cost of the great war, and has found it desirable that the sale of liberty bonds should be widely distributed throughout the country thereby insuring both the popularity of the loan and giving all persons equal opportunity to secure its benefits; and

WHEREAS, The great success of the sale of the liberty bonds and its wide distribution among all classes of people and nationalities in this country has made it possible for swindlers and scalpers to take advantage of the times and conditions of the small investors, especially by obtaining the liberty bonds on false representations and at prices below the par value of the same, thereby enabling the scalper to obtain unfair profit, especially at the expense of the holders of the bonds of small denominations; and

WHEREAS, Such practices are contrary to the welfare of the people and the public policy of this state; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That congress be memorialized to pass such laws and make appropriations therefor as it shall deem necessary for the protection of all holders of liberty bonds and provide a penalty for the punishment of all bond scalpers or persons who obtain bonds below the par value thereof without the full knowledge of the seller of the bond of his rights therein.

Resolved, That as soon as the congress of the United States shall be in session duly attested copies of this joint resolution shall be transmitted to the presiding officers of each house, and to each of the senators and representatives from the state of Wisconsin in the congress of the United States.

[Jt. Res. No. 82, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56.

Relative to the death of William D. Schoenfield.

WHEREAS, William D. Schoenfield died at his home in Madison, May 4, 1919, at the age of 48 years, and

WHEREAS, for nearly two decades he "covered" sessions of this legislature for various newspapers, and

WHEREAS, he always was accurate, conscientious and agreeable in the performance of his journalistic duties; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, that the information of his death is received with deep sorrow, and that the legislature desires to place on record its earnest appreciation of his fidelity to fact, of his purpose to be fair and just in all circumstances and of his uniform spirit of courtesy.

Resolved further, That an engrossed copy of this testimonial be transmitted to the bereaved family.

[Jt. Res. No. 65, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57.

Relating to the death and public services of Honorable Simon Gillen.

Judge Simon Gillen was born on the first day of May, 1855, and obtained his rudimentary education in the district schools of his native town, the town of Mitchell, which school he attended until thirteen years of age. All further education was acquired laboriously during the few hours of leisure that his hard work left him, but his love of knowledge and particularly his powerful will overcame all obstacles until he became one of the best informed men of his community.

At the age of twenty-five he became chairman of his home town, at the age of twenty-seven a member of the assembly; was made clerk of the circuit court for Sheboygan county, whose records remained in his charge from 1883 to 1889, during which time he so perfected himself in knowledge of the law, that in 1888 he was admitted to the bar. From 1890 to 1894 he served with distinction as district attorney of the county and from 1894 to 1898 as county judge. Thereafter though engaged in private practice of his profession, he still found time to serve the city of Sheboygan in the common council from 1907 to 1909 at a time when provision was made for the most important public improvements and municipal policies. He served a large clientage indefatigably until stricken with the physical infirmities that finally resulted in his death on the fifth day of July, 1918.

Simon Gillen was typical of those strong characters, who by their power of mind and tireless industry, overcame the handicap of limited schooling by sheer force of character, and he acquired the respect and affection of the best and ablest men in all walks of life who learned to know him. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That this resolution be spread upon the records of the day, and that a copy thereof, suitably engrossed and duly attested, be sent to the family of Mr. Gillen.