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JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10.

We have learned with profound regret that Honorable Orsamus Cole, a justice of the Supreme Court for upwards of thirty-seven years, has departed this life. Justice Cole came to this state at an early day, and speedily achieved distinction. He was a member of the Second Constitutional Convention held in 1847 and the succeeding year he represented Wisconsin in national Congress as a member representing the largest district in the United States. In 1855 he was elected to the honorable position of Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, and served in that capacity continuously until he voluntarily retired to private life in 1892. The history and progress of Wisconsin is largely reflected in the decisions of the court during those thirty-seven years. His part of that work is characterized by the clearness and lucidity of his reasoning which won for him the admiration and respect of the bar and the people of the state. In his death Wisconsin has sustained an irreparable loss. He was of a modest, retiring disposition, never seeking public favor, but he impressed himself upon all who knew him, as a man of unswerving integrity and manly character.

RESOLVED by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, that we deeply feel the loss to the state of an eminent jurist, the best years of whose life were spent in our service, of an upright, honorable citizen whose life is an inspiration worthy of emulation, whose memory should be forever revered by the people of Wisconsin.

RESOLVED further, that the sincere condolence of this legislature is extended to his family and relatives in the personal loss they have sustained.