

[No. 4, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14.

In relation to the management of the World's Columbian Exposition on Sundays.

WHEREAS, By the provisions of the statute, recently enacted by the congress of the United States, the American people, and visitors from abroad, are denied the right, and prevented from exercising the choice of visiting the World's Columbian Exposition to be held at Chicago in 1893, on Sundays, and,

WHEREAS, Said provision, in the opinion of a large and influential portion of the citizens of the state of Wisconsin and surrounding states, does not serve, promote or attain any public, private or individual purpose whatsoever, but on the contrary is an unjust, unnecessary and unwarrantable interference with, and infringement upon, the personal rights and privileges of free and law-abiding citizens, and that its enforcement will result in the exclusion of hundreds of thousands of laboring and business people in the northwest from the pleasures, instruction and other benefits to be derived from an inspection of the many magnificent and instructive works of God and man, which will be displayed at said exposition, and will also result in a financial loss thereto; therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring: That it is the sense and desire of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin, that said World's Columbian Exposition, to be held in Chicago this year, be open for the admission of the public on all days of the week, from its commencement until its close, under such regulations concerning the operation of machinery therein on Sundays, as will not interfere with religious observance on Sundays by people living or worshiping in the immediate vicinity of said exposition, and that our senators and representatives in congress, from this state, are hereby requested and instructed, to use every honorable means to secure the repeal of the Sunday closing clause of said act of congress, and be it further

Resolved, That the governor and secretary of state be, and they are hereby authorized and requested to at once transmit, under their official signatures, and the seal of the state, one copy of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.