

*Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring.* That in the death of Senator Welton the state has lost one of its most eminent servants, and the city of his home one of its most useful and honorable citizens. Mr. Welton was a soldier in the Civil War, and as such rendered gallant and faithful services which entitled him to the thanks of the nation for which he fought. A long and honorable business career, in which no man can point to a dishonorable act, gave him the profound respect of the people in whose midst he lived and labored; and in his services in the legislature of Wisconsin, and in the postal service of the United States, he showed the very highest qualities of ability, energy, and devotion to duty, which made his example an inspiration to many others, the records of which will be a precious heritage to those he left behind.

*Resolved further.* That these resolutions be entered in the journal, and that a copy, suitably engrossed, signed by the president and chief clerk of the Senate, and by the speaker and chief clerk of the Assembly, be forwarded to the family of Senator Welton.

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[No. 68. A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14.

On the death of the Honorable Atley Peterson.

The "great leveler" having closed the career of the Honorable Atley Peterson at his home in Soldiers Grove, on Monday, March 29, 1909, it is fitting that the legislature of Wisconsin express its appreciation of his services to the state and his character as a citizen.

Coming to Wisconsin from a foreign country when a child of five years, having only the opportunities for learning afforded to the children of the pioneers of fifty years ago, he made the most of them, and acquired a fund of knowledge that in early manhood commanded recognition. For four sessions, from 1879 to 1882 he served as a member of the Wisconsin Assembly. Later for four years he served the state as its railroad commissioner. As a representative of his party he was repeatedly called into its county, state and national conventions. Wherever placed he met the expectations of friends and secured the respect of opponents. After thus passing through the furnace of political strife and official station, "no smell of the fire" was found on him.

In a business career, as farmer, manufacturer and banker, he won success by methods of integrity, intelligence and industry. As a friend he was loyal and steadfast; as a companion genial, considerate and appreciative. Unkindness and harsh judgment were impossibilities with him. In his great heart there was "charity for all and malice toward none." Illustrative of the advantages of American citizenship and as an incentive to the noblest aims, Atley Peterson deserves a prominent place on memory's walls. Truly it may be said of him:

"His life was gentle; and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world, *This was a man!*"

Therefore, in recognition of his faithful public services and his worth as a man, it is,

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring,* That in the death of Atley Peterson the state loses a valued citizen whose life is worthy of emulation.

*Resolved,* That appropriate memorial services be held for the deceased at the same time that like ceremonies are held for other deceased members of the legislature.

*Resolved further,* That a properly engrossed copy of these resolutions and the foregoing preamble, signed by the speaker and chief clerk of the assembly and the president and chief clerk of the senate, be presented to the family of the honored dead.

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[No. 67, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15.

On the death of Honorable Allen R. Bushnell.

Allen R. Bushnell, for many years a resident of Grant county, and one of the foremost men of southwestern Wisconsin and of the state, died March 29, 1909, at Madison, which city had been his home for the past few years. He was a native of Ohio, but in his youth became a Badger and his long and useful life here ever since was devoted to advancing the interests of our commonwealth. He was called on to fill many important and responsible positions; he was district attorney of Grant county; the first mayor of the city of Lancaster, member of the assembly, United States district attorney for the western district of Wisconsin and member of congress.