

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.

from the old third congressional district of this state, which at that time included the capital city. In all of these various capacities he acquitted himself with honor, ability and fidelity to the trust reposed in him. When the dark days of the rebellion came to try men's souls, he showed his patriotism by being among the 75,000 volunteers who responded to Lincoln's first call for troops to defend the union, enlisting as a private in Company C, 7th Wisconsin, was made first lieutenant and then captain, serving with the gallantry and bravery that made the Iron Brigade so famous. In his chosen profession of the law he attained honorable distinction and was looked upon as a safe counsellor and he was considered an authority on life insurance matters. He was a brilliant minded man, yet marked with commendable conservatism and sound judgment. Frankness, honesty and integrity were among the virtues he possessed; he was public spirited and philanthropic, stood for justice and right, had strong convictions but was never obtrusive.

A profound student, a vigorous writer and a forcible speaker, he ever took a large interest in public affairs and in his death Wisconsin has lost a distinguished son, therefore, be it

*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 these resolutions be spread upon the journal of each house and that an engrossed copy hereof signed by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the senate and assembly be transmitted to the family.

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[No. 62, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16.

Relating to compilation of statistics by the tax commission

*Resolved by the senate the assembly concurring*, That the tax commission be and is hereby requested, under the authority conferred by section 9 of chapter 380, laws of 1905 (section 1087--39 of the statutes), to gather and compile statistics of income and expenditures for all state, county, and municipal purposes; to require public officers to report such information as may be reasonably called for; to classify the data collected, in connection with statistics of wealth.