

and mail carrying, and which shall provide for the ownership by the federal government of its own mail cars for the carrying of mail and express, and that compensation to the railroads therefor be fixed by the interstate commerce commission upon the basis of mileage for hauling of such mail and express cars instead of upon the basis of weight of the mails, and providing for the carrying of mail and express thereby under a complete parcels post system, and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the secretary of state to the president of the United States the postmaster general, and to each senator and representative in congress from this state.

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[No. 100, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77.

Relating to the death of Robert J. McGeehan.

Robert J. McGeehan, of Depere, was born in Canada August 26, 1854. He received a common school education, came to Wisconsin in 1870, and settled at Wrightstown. A few years afterward he moved to the city of Depere, at which place he continued to reside until his death on July 9, 1911. He served as alderman of his home city for many years and was subsequently mayor of the city for several terms. He was a member of the assembly from Brown county for the years 1889-1890 and 1891-1892. In the fall of 1892 he was elected state senator for the second district, serving in the sessions of 1893, 1895 and special session of 1896. He was also a member of the county board of Brown county for four years, and afterward a member of the board of trustees of the county asylum for five years.

In all of these public offices he discharged the duties pertaining to them with ability and unquestioned integrity. He had large business interests in his home city, to which he gave his close attention, but when opportunity presented itself he was always ready to extend his influence toward the uplift of his community. Nothing that we can say here will add to or detract from his sterling qualities as a husband, father and citizen, and well may we again recite the selection so often quoted on occasions of this kind:

“Can storied urn, or animated bust,  
 Back to its mansion call the fleeting breath;  
 Can Honor’s voice provoke the silent dust,  
 Or flattery soothe the cold still ear of death.”

Therefore, as a mark of respect to his memory, by the senate, the assembly concurring,

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolution be spread upon the journal of each house, and that a copy thereof, properly signed by the presiding officers and the chief clerks of the two houses, be forwarded to his family at Depere, Wisconsin.

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[No. 101, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 78.

Relating to the death of Andrew Caldwell Mailer.

Since the last session of the legislature there has been called to his reward Andrew Caldwell Mailer, a former member of the Wisconsin senate from the second district. Dr. Mailer was born April 4, 1853, at the city of Depere, Wisconsin, and always made that place his residence up to the time of his death. He was educated in the public and private schools of Depere, Lawrence University at Appleton, Wisconsin, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Rush Medical College, Chicago, and Bellevue hospital medical college in New York, graduating from Rush Medical college in 1878, from Bellevue Hospital medical college in 1882; he was a member of the Depere board of education six years, 1890 to 1896; was mayor of his home city from 1892 to 1894 and health officer for several terms; he was elected state senator from the second district in the fall of 1896, serving for the sessions of 1897 and 1899. As a physician, public officer and citizen his management of affairs was such as to command the respect and confidence of the people of his community. It is fitting and proper that his memory shall be cherished as his faults were few and his virtues many. A fond husband and father and an honest citizen has been taken from his family and his community. Therefore, as a mark of respect to his memory,

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring*, That the foregoing resolution be spread upon the journal of each house and a copy thereof, properly signed by the presiding officers and chief clerks of the two houses, be forwarded to his family.

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[No. 105, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 79.

Relating to the death of Edward Decker.

On July 9, 1911, there was removed from our midst, the Honorable Edward Decker, a member of the Wisconsin Senate from the second district during the sessions of 1860 and 1861. Edward Decker was born at Casco, Maine, on June 16, 1827. He came to Wisconsin in 1845, settling at Neenah. In 1856 he