

River Company, the Lake Shore Lumber Company, the Ludington, Wells & Van Schaick Company. His last and most prominent business enterprise was the organization of the Bird & Wells Lumber Company at Wausaukee, in which concern he was interested at the time of his death. He was president of the Wausaukee State Bank, which institution he helped to organize.

He was elected state senator for the first district, in the fall of 1902, and reelected in the fall of 1906. His force of character and honesty in legislative work commanded the respect of all his associates. He aided in bringing into being the state park act, the state forestry act, and the Vicksburg monument commission. Of the latter body he was appointed a member and afterward chairman to complete the arrangements for the dedication of a great memorial to commemorate the heroism of the Wisconsin soldiers who fought and died in the trenches at the siege of Vicksburg. He also took an active part in the legislation looking toward the conservation of the natural resources of the state. In every movement for public benefit and public betterment Senator Bird could always be found in the foreground. He also took a very active part in church and religious matters.

Therefore, as a mark of respect to his memory, be it

*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 the family of Senator Bird at Wausaukee, Wisconsin.

[Jt. Res. No. 55, A.]

#### JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12.

Relating to the death of Hon. Robert Plisch.

WHEREAS, Hon. Robert Plisch, a member of the Wisconsin legislature of 1895, died in the town of Berlin in Marathon county, Wisconsin, March 13, 1915, and

WHEREAS, Robert Plisch was one of the sturdy German pioneers of this state, settling in Marathon county, with his parents in 1856. He received his education in the public schools of Germany and Wisconsin. He taught in the public schools of this state for more than eighteen years and was keenly interested and took an active part in the agricultural and public affairs of Marathon county and of the state, and

WHEREAS, In his death the state and county of Marathon have lost a faithful public servant and a worthy citizen; therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring,* That this expression of the legislature be incorporated in the official proceedings of this day, and be it further

*Resolved,* That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, attested by signatures of the president and chief clerk of the senate and the speaker and chief clerk of the assembly.

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[Jt. Res. No. 41, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13.

Expressing to President Wilson the sympathy, support and confidence of the legislature of Wisconsin.

WHEREAS, The people of the United States are a courageous yet peace loving people, who abhor war, the destruction of life, and the sufferings and misery that accompany and follow it; and

WHEREAS, Our hearts go out in sincere sorrow and sympathy to the people of all nations involved in war, and especially to the widows and orphans occasioned by such wars; and

WHEREAS, We realize that many perplexing and momentous questions arise in our relations with the nations involved in war; that these questions test the utmost patience, endurance, and wisdom of our great president; and

WHEREAS, We are desirous of assisting and encouraging him in his stupendous task by our sympathy and our support; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved, by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the legislature of the state of Wisconsin extends its congratulations to the president of the United States, on the able and wise manner in which he has conducted the affairs of our government in the present trying situation, and especially in maintaining our neutrality and friendly relations with all nations; that we extend to our president our sincere wishes and earnest sympathy in his work, and assure him that the people of this state are in entire accord with his efforts to maintain peace with the world; be it

*Further resolved,* That we trust, while maintaining the dignity and honor of this nation, he may be able to so conduct our affairs as to avoid conflict with any of the belligerent nations, and so by our example and attitude lead warring nations to an early peace; be it

*Further resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the president of the United States.