

WHEREAS, the valor, the steadfast courage and fine soldiership of these Guardsmen has caused their Divisions to be rated and commended as among the five shock divisions of the American Army, oftenest, longest and most severely tried of any, and

WHEREAS, other thousands of Wisconsin soldiers on the battle fields of France and Russia and in camp and cantonments in Europe and this country have loyally done and are doing their full duty as soldiers of the Republic;

Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring, That the people of the State of Wisconsin, through their Legislature, extend their most sincere appreciation of the gallant soldiership of these Badger soldiers who have blazoned high and bright in the constellation of states, the star of Wisconsin as a loyal fighting member of this Republic, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the presiding officers of both houses, and countersigned by their Chief Clerks be forwarded to Major General William G. Haan, U. S. A., under whose leadership the Thirty Second Division (Wisconsin-Michigan National Guard) gained, in its first great battle and advance the proud war title, "Les Terribles," and that a further copy be forwarded to Major General William Lassiter, U. S. A., now commanding the Thirty Second Division, with the request that this message of appreciation be transmitted to officers and soldiers of Wisconsin residence, now assigned with the Army of Occupation in Germany.

[Jt. Res. No. 37, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32.

Relating to the death of Orrin H. Ingram.

Orrin H. Ingram, the one commissioner of the three originally appointed by the governor to build this great capitol, who lived to see the task worthily completed, and the record of whose work as pioneer, lumberman, banker, and public-spirited citizen is writ large on the pages of Wisconsin history, passed away at his home in Eau Claire on October 16, 1918, in the eighty-ninth year of his age.

Mr. Ingram was public-spirited to a degree far beyond the average citizen. He was a man of large perspective and was broad and liberal in his social relations as in his business affairs. He was highly successful in all of his many business ventures. but mere business success held second place in his own estimate: and in the estimate of those who knew him intimately such success was but an incident of his transcendent ability.

Mr. Ingram was first of all a patriot and a lover of his kind. This spirit dominated his business activities, and permeated all the relations of his private life. His marked executive ability, enormous energy, force of character and his scrupulous honesty left their impress upon his business enterprises as they did upon his social relations. No man was ever more loyal to his friends. He was slow to give his confidence or friendship, but once given, no ordinary event or conditions could shake it.

To all who knew him well it seemed most fitting that Mr. Ingram should be chosen by the governor of the state as one of the three men to be entrusted with the building of a new state capitol. This great structure, noble in its inception, beautiful and substantial in its design and detail of its construction, the pride of every loyal citizen of the state and a lasting pleasure to all who look upon it, truly does credit and honor to him and his associates who so carefully supervised its building. It is indeed a worthy monument to these men who, without recompense and with no purpose beyond their desire to be of service to their fellows, carried to completion this enduring work of art.

Mr. Ingram died at a ripe age after it had been his greatly prized privilege to view in retrospect the work of his hands, to receive expression of the well-earned esteem of his neighbors and friends, and the grateful homage of a public he had faithfully served.

“They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

Resolved, That the foregoing memorial be spread upon the journal of each house as a token of respect and sympathy and a copy thereof, suitably engrossed, and duly attested by the signatures of the presiding officers and chief clerks be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

[Jt. Res. No. 39, S.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33.

Memorializing Congress and Federal Authorities to encourage Public Works by effecting a reduction in freight rates on materials used in such works.

WHEREAS, Many public improvements for which there is an imperative need were postponed on account of the existence of a state of war between the United States of America and the Imperial German Government; and

WHEREAS, The necessity for the resumption of the construction of Public Works is fully recognized and is being urged upon all people in authority representing the various political units and subdivisions of the United States; and