

WHEREAS, It has been reported that thousands of beautiful spruce and balsam trees for use as Christmas trees were cut in Wisconsin during the past season and, because of no demand therefor, were left to be burned or otherwise destroyed; and

WHEREAS, Such wanton destruction of balsam and spruce trees would do irreparable damage to the forests of this state; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the conservation commission be and it is hereby requested and directed to investigate the wanton destruction or cutting of spruce and balsam trees in this state during the past Christmas season and also during the Christmas season of 1934, and report its findings and recommendations to the 1935 regular session of the legislature.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the life and public services of Honorable John S. Donald.

Honorable John S. Donald, University of Wisconsin professor, former secretary of state and former member of both houses of this legislature, died at his home at Madison, on January 10, 1934, after an illness of two years.

He had been a member of the University of Wisconsin faculty since May, 1920, when he was appointed an agricultural extension specialist. In 1921 he was made an assistant professor in agricultural economics and had since held that position.

His political career began when in 1892 he became town assessor in the town of Springdale. He was chairman of the board of supervisors from 1899 to 1902 when he was elected to the state assembly in which he served until 1908, when he became a member of the senate, where he served a four year term.

In the legislature Mr. Donald was particularly active in legislation on pure foods, education, and highways, and served in the senate with Senator John J. Blaine, the present Justices Walter C. Owen and E. T. Fairchild and with Timothy Burke and Paul Husting. He broke with Robert M. La Follette, Sr., on the latter's war stand, and later he made two unsuccessful attempts to defeat John M. Nelson to gain the third district congressional seat.

In 1912 Mr. Donald was elected secretary of state which office he held four years.

One of many public-spirited activities was his founding in 1916 of the Forest of Fame at Mt. Vernon. He was unable to attend the exercises this spring at which the Madison Rotary club added Lindbergh and Buffalo Bill trees.

His long membership in the Dane County Agricultural society and the Friends of Our Native Landscape, of which he was president, attested his interest in fields tilled and natural, and in Wisconsin's general countryside. In 1928 he became secretary of the agricultural society which sponsors the annual county fair. He always owned and operated farms in the town of Springdale.

During the World War he served in France as a Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Mr. Donald was born Jan. 12, 1869, on a farm near Mt. Vernon in the town of Springdale and was the son of Dane county pioneers, his father a farmer and grandfather a Scotch Presbyterian minister who had come to this country from his native country. His mother also was a pioneer's child.

After attendance at county district schools, Mr. Donald was graduated in 1887 from the Northwestern Business college in Madison. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree at the University of Valparaiso, Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1894 and took a D.D.S. from the Chicago college three years later.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Vona D. Donald, his daughter, Mrs. Delma Woodburn, whose husband is a professor at the University of Washington, his mother, Mrs. E. Donald-Jones, and two grandchildren.

Mr. Donald was a man of large usefulness. His record in public and private life was without blemish. As a citizen he commanded the highest respect. As a friend he was loved. Therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That as a token of respect to the memory of John S. Donald, this resolution be spread upon the journal of both houses, and that engrossed and certified copies thereof be transmitted to the family of the deceased and to his mother, Mrs. E. Donald-Jones.