

NUMBER 5.

JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to enlarged facilities of transportation between the great lakes, the Atlantic coast and Europe.

WHEREAS, The agricultural interests of the great producing states of the north-west, are the principal sources of their prosperity, and the opening of improved and enlarged [enlarged] facilities for the transportation of those products from the great lakes to the seaboard, tend directly to stimulate and increase the growth of these products, as well as to encourage and advance the interests of all branches of business, commercial or otherwise, prosecuted within those states; and

WHEREAS, The present channel of communication by way of the Erie canal and the Hudson river, is scarcely sufficient to accommodate the present wants and wholly inadequate to meet the prospective demands of the great-grain growing states bordering upon and tributary to these internal waters; and

WHEREAS, The rivers and canals of Canada can be readily enlarged and improved, so as to furnish ample and reliable facilities for transportation from the lakes to the Atlantic ocean, thereby saving to the western producer millions of dollars per annum, as well as a large per centage of the time now occupied in transit: therefore, be it

Resolved, by the senate of the state of Wisconsin, the assembly concurring, That the governor be and is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of five citizens of the state, to communicate with the provincial government and parliament of Canada, either by petition or by proceeding in person to the seat of said government, for the purpose of laying before that body, in a proper and respectful manner, statistics of the production and trade of the western states, present and prospective, the inefficiency of the present thoroughfares connecting the lakes with the seaboard, the mutual advantages presented by their rivers and canals for the construction of such enlarged avenues as the interests of the west so imperiously demand, and the mutual benefits which must necessarily accrue from the proper improvement of these advantages to the constructors of such channel or channels, as well as to the western producer.

Resolved, That the governor be also authorized to appoint twenty-five delegates from this state to attend the canal enlargement convention which has been called to meet at Chicago in June next, for the consideration of enlarged facilities of transportation to and from tide-water.

Resolved, That our neighboring states similarly interested, be and are hereby respectfully invited to appoint like state commit-

tees to act and co-operate with the committee hereby appointed, for the attainment of the objects herein set forth; and that the governor be and is hereby requested to send copies of this joint resolution and invitation to each of the states so interested, and to our senators and representatives in congress, and that the preceding preamble and resolutions be printed for the greater convenience of so doing.

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NUMBER 6.

JOINT RESOLUTION of thanks and condolence to our soldiers and their families.

WHEREAS, The rebellion against our government and the constitution by the so-called Confederate States, has forced upon the loyal states the present war for the constitution, the union and our free institutions; and

WHEREAS, To sustain this war large numbers of our valued and worthy citizens have volunteered to leave their homes and all that is dear in their domestic relations, some of whom have heroically laid their lives upon the altar of their country, and with honor rest in the soldier's grave upon the battle-field: therefore,

Resolved, by the assembly, the senate concurring, That while we cherish with mournful regrets the memory of the valiant dead, for their distinguished bravery and patriotic sacrifices, we tender our heartfelt sympathies and condolence to the bereaved parents, the widows and orphans who are left to mourn for the loved ones that have fallen.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to our brave volunteers now in the field, for their fidelity to the constitution and the government, their patriotism and their bravery; that upon them, under divine providence, rests [rest] the issues of the present struggle for the perpetuity of our free institutions, our national existence, and the continuance of the union of this republic.

Resolved, That we contemplate with gratitude and confidence the loyal and patriotic bravery of our Wisconsin soldiers, now in the active defense of our government, Their loyalty and bravery are appreciated by their friends, as an honor to this commonwealth, and justly entitles [entitle] them to the gratitude of all loyal citizens of the state, and it is our constant endeavor to attend to their interests at home while they are defending our union in the field.