

the corresponding committees from the legislatures of Michigan and Minnesota on matters relating to conservation, to consider the possibility of uniform open and closed seasons in these three states, said meeting to be held at Madison at such time as shall be mutually agreed upon by such committees. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the chairman of the senate committee on state and local government and the chairman of the assembly committee on conservation are hereby authorized to complete such negotiations for such meetings as shall be necessary; and be it further

*Resolved*, That properly attested copies of this resolution be transmitted to each house of the legislatures of Michigan and Minnesota.

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[Jt. Res. No. 53, S.]

[Deposited Apr. 9, 1929.]

No. 35, 1929.

#### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the cooperation of certain foreign libraries and other public institutions in making available to the State Historical Society of Wisconsin important original documents bearing on the history of Wisconsin's population.

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WHEREAS, Original documents bearing on the history of Wisconsin's population are an important feature of the common inheritance and ought to be sedulously conserved for the future enrichment of the spiritual life of our state;

WHEREAS, The population of Wisconsin is complex, the state having received invaluable contributions of immigrants from Ireland, Great Britain, Germany, Holland, Belgium, the Scandinavian countries, Czecho-Slovakia, Italy, Poland, and other European countries;

WHEREAS, The story of our Commonwealth, from the vital standpoint of population, is largely the record of the way the people coming to Wisconsin from distant lands adjusted themselves to conditions here, both economic and social, thereby making themselves effective agents in building our civilization;

WHEREAS, Historians are agreed that, among the best sources for the study of the process of adjustment, so fundamental to

our right social development, are reports and letters written to their home people by immigrants actually experiencing the trials involved in that process; and

WHEREAS, Such letters and reports usually remaining hidden away in garrets and chests in the countries from which American immigrants are derived, can only be rescued and preserved through the cooperation of libraries and other collecting agencies in those countries; and

WHEREAS, The national library in the Irish Free State, the British Museum, the National Library of Wales, the National Library of Czecho-Slovakia, the university libraries in Munich, Bavaria, and in Göttingen, Hanover, also the City Library of Frankfort on the Main, and other collecting agencies in Germany as well as in Switzerland, have already proffered their cooperation with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin to the desired end; therefore, be it.

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring,* That the thanks of the people of Wisconsin, represented in the Legislature thereof, be officially tendered to the above named cooperating institutions, with the assurance on the part of Wisconsin people and public institutions of every effort to reciprocate their courtesies, and those of other agencies which may be disposed to aid in this laudable effort. Be it further

*Resolved,* That the special thanks of the Legislature and the people of Wisconsin are due to the Director of the Stadtbibliothek, of the city of Frankfort on the Main, Germany, for sending to the State Historical Society of our state carefully executed transcripts of a group of letters written between the years 1844 and 1855 by various members of the Wehrheim family to their relatives in the old home. We rejoice that our generous and alert newspapers have already, through the printing of the news about the receipt of the letters, made possible the discovery of the descendants of the family named, and that long-sundered relations between this German family and its American branch are in process of being restored, to the mutual advantage of both nations. The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, if its request for letters sent by the German relatives to the American branch of the Wehrheim family produces desired results, will have the happiness of supplying transcripts of such newly discovered documents to the Frankfort Library. Be it further

*Resolved*, That suitable attested copies of this resolution be sent to the institutions to which the thanks of the people of Wisconsin are extended herein.

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[Jt. Res. No. 64, S.]

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No. 36, 1929.

### JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the life and services of the late Chief Justice Vinje.

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WHEREAS, Honorable Aad John Vinje, Chief Justice of Wisconsin, died at Madison, March 23, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Justice Vinje was born at Voss, Norway, November 10, 1857, came to this country in 1869, attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating with the degrees of bachelor of science in 1884 and bachelor of laws in 1886, and was granted the honorary degree of doctor of laws in 1924 in recognition of his eminent position in the legal profession and his many services to the state, and also served the state as assistant state librarian and assistant supreme court reporter, practiced law in Superior, was elected judge of the eleventh circuit in 1895, appointed associate justice of the supreme court September 10, 1910, and chief justice February 11, 1922, holding the latter position until his death; and

WHEREAS, Justice Vinje brought to the practice of his chosen profession and his duties on the circuit and supreme courts a keen analytical mind and the utmost fairness and judicial temper in weighing and deciding the issues of the cases before him, and his death has removed from the highest tribunal of this state a jurist who fully measured up to the high standard of the great men who have adorned it; now, therefore, in recognition of the eminent services of Justice Vinje, be it

*Resolved by the Senate, the Assembly concurring*, That this memorial be spread upon the journals of both houses and that a suitably engrossed copy thereof, duly attested by the signatures of the presiding officers and chief clerks, be transmitted to the family of Justice Vinje.