

representatives in the Congress of the United States, and to the Governors of the several States.

Approved January 22d, A. D. 1861.

NUMBER II

Joint Resolutions.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota,

That it is the sentiment of the people of our State, that in any and all schemes for the construction of a Pacific Railroad, the best interests of the country—especially of the entire northwest—strongly demands the building of a northern railroad, and that we earnestly urge upon our Senators and Representatives in Congress, the continuance of all laudable efforts to accomplish this highly important object.

In relation to the construction of the Pacific Railroad

Resolved, That the interests of trade and commerce imperatively demand, in addition to the northern road above named, that a road, as part of said railroad system, be constructed from the west end of Lake Superior, to and up the valley of the Minnesota river, and thence southwesterly, so as to connect with the central branch of said Pacific road.

Resolved, That the Governor of the State is hereby requested to transmit a copy of the foregoing resolutions to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved January 26th, A. D. 1861.