

WHEREAS, The settlers in the towns of Big Lake and Baldwin, in the county of Sherburne and State of Minnesota, are, by reason of their great distance from any post office or mail route, deprived of the conveniences of postal service; now therefore

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their efforts to secure the establishment of a mail route from Monticello, in Wright county, by the way of Big Lake, Orrock's settlement and Baldwin, in Sherburne county, to Princeton, in Mille Lacs county, with semi-weekly service thereon.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing joint resolution to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved February 27, 1873.

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## NUMBER X.

### A JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO HOMESTEADS FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS, &c.

WHEREAS, Many soldiers who served in the army of the United States in the late rebellion have entered under the provisions of the homestead laws a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres previous to the enactment of an act of congress, approved July fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "an act making appropriations for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and for other purposes." And

WHEREAS, The act of congress approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "an act to enable honorable discharged soldiers and sailors, their widows and orphan children to acquire homesteads on the public lands of the United States," entitles a soldier, sailor, etc., who had entered a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres, to enter so much land as when added to that previously entered should not exceed one hundred and sixty acres, only when contiguous thereto; now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That our senators and representatives in congress be and are

hereby requested to use their best endeavors to secure the passage of an act, or to amend the said act of congress dated April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, so that all who are entitled under said act to enter an additional quantity of lands contiguous to the original homestead, may enter without being required to settle upon or cultivate said additional quantity, so much land as when added to what previously entered shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres, whether contiguous to the original homestead or not.

*Resolved, further,* That the governor of this state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to our senators and representatives in congress at as early a day as practicable.

Approved March 6, 1873.

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## NUMBER XI.

### JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PLANTING AND CULTIVATION OF TREES UPON PRAIRIE LAND.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to use their best endeavors to procure the passage of an act authorizing and requiring the proper authorities to plant, cultivate and protect a belt of trees two rods in width, along the township lines of all the public prairie land now surveyed or that may hereafter be surveyed ; and setting apart for the said purpose ten per cent. of all receipts from the sale of the public lands.

That the secretary of state forward immediately to each of said senators and representatives a certified copy of the foregoing resolution.

Approved March 6, 1873.