

the passage of a law by congress, which will allow such persons or their representatives to secure and perfect title to such lands.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING CONGRESS TO VACATE THAT PORTION OF THE MILITARY RESERVATION AT FT. ABERCROMBIE, D. T., WHICH LIES ON THE EAST SIDE OF RED RIVER IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND TO OPEN THE SAME TO SETTLEMENT AND OCCUPATION UNDER THE HOMESTEAD AND PRE-EMPTION LAWS.

WHEREAS, That portion of the Fort Abercrombie military reservation which lies in the state of Minnesota, is not needed for military purposes and has been vacated by the military department; and

WHEREAS, Said lands are valuable for agricultural purposes and are now occupied by *bona fide* settlers who went upon, occupied and improved said lands under the belief that the same were a part of the public domain and open to settlement under the pre-emption and homestead laws of the United States; 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 influence in behalf of legislation which will restore so much of the military reservation at Ft. Abercrombie, as is situated in the state of Minnesota to the body of public lands of the United States.

*Resolved, further,* that the secretary of state be requested to forward copies of these resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

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