

route from Chaska, in Carver county, to Excelsior, in Hennepin county.

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

Approved February 29, 1876.

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NUMBER VIII.

A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MINNESOTA RIVER.

WHEREAS, The practicability and feasibility of improving the navigation of the Minnesota river is clearly shown and demonstrated by the surveys thereof made by the war department, by a system of locks and dams, whereby permanent navigation of said river during the season thereof can be secured, to the great relief of the grain producing interests of this state; therefore,

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

That our senators in congress be instructed and our representatives therein be requested to use their influence in behalf of legislation favorable to the improvement of the Minnesota river by a system of dams and locks whereby permanent navigation of said river may be obtained during the season of navigation in said state of Minnesota.

*Resolved,* That the secretary of state forward a copy of this resolution to each of our senators and members of congress.

Approved February 10, A. D. 1876.

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NUMBER IX.

A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS ASKING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO PRE-EMPTION LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, An amendment to the pre-emption laws of the United States, permitting the applicants thereunder to make yearly or semi-yearly partial payments for the lands held by them would greatly ease and assist such persons in paying for their land.