old and original Fort Snelling in the state of Minnesota, to be forever used by said state, perpetually, as a museum of natural, military, civil, botanical and archaeological history of this state.

Resolved, That our senators and representatives in congress are requested to urge this measure upon the

attention of the congress of the United States.

Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby instructed to forward copies of these resolutions to the vice president of the United States, the speaker of the house of representatives and each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 2nd, 1895.

NUMBER 9.

JOINT RESOLUTION.

A resolution passed by the senate and concurred in by the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota recommending Colonel E. C. Mason for promotion.

Whereas, Colonel E. C. Mason, third infantry, and brevet brigadier general U. S. A. has by his conspicuous and patriot record during the war of the rebellion, as well as his hard service on the frontier, for the past twenty-five years, gained high consideration among the soldiers of the republic, and

Whereas, his recent years of official duty have been spent within the borders of the State of Minnesota, where his eminent qualities as an officer and a gentleman have commended him to our people; therefore

Resolved, by the senate of the State of Minnesota, the house of representatives concurring, that we respectfully present for the consideration of the President of the United States the name of Colonol Mason as one in every way worthy of promotion to the rank of brigadier general when a vacancy shall occur.

Resolved, that our senators be and are hereby respectfully requested to present this resolution in person to the President and request his favorable action thereon.

Resolved, that the secretary of state be and he is hereby instructed to cause a duly exemplified copy of this resolution to be forwarded to each senator of the state of Minnesota in the congress of the United States.

Approved March 8th, 1895.