

RESOLUTION No. 13—S. F. No. 807

A concurrent resolution endorsing the Charles M. Babcock Memorial Association and its purpose.

WHEREAS, the late Charles M. Babcock devoted the best 22 years of his life in an effort to establish a road system in the State of Minnesota unequalled by any other state; and

WHEREAS, by his untiring pioneer efforts did in large measure cause to be adopted Amendment No. 1 to the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, which said efforts brought to him the deserved name of "Father of Minnesota's Road System"; and

WHEREAS, in 1910 when Charles M. Babcock was appointed Commissioner of Highways, the highway system in the State of Minnesota was in a deplorable condition and there was little or no paving outside of the larger centers; and

WHEREAS, Charles M. Babcock did labor unceasingly with untiring energy for 22 years to accomplish the worthy purpose of building a model highway system in the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, when he retired in 1933 from the position of Commissioner of Highways there were 7,000 miles of a trunk highway system with over 1,400 miles of hard surfaced highways, and 36,000 miles of graveled secondary roads; and

WHEREAS, after he left the service of the State of Minnesota as Commissioner of Highways, he continued until his death to devote his time and energy to develop highways of the State of Minnesota and the United States; and

WHEREAS, there has been organized a Charles M. Babcock Memorial Association for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial to his memory;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota concurring therein, that the Charles M. Babcock Memorial Association be and hereby is endorsed as a worthy organization which should be encouraged to establish a memorial commensurate with the name of that famous road builder and noble citizen.

Approved March 18, 1937.