

# JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

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## NUMBER I.

[S. F. No. 187.]

A MEMORAL BY THE SENATE THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
CONCURRING.

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

That our senators and representatives in Congress be instructed and requested to present the following and give it their support in Congress.

*To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

The undersigned citizens of the state of Minnesota, most respectfully represent:

That Anson Northup, a citizen and one of the earliest settlers of the state of Minnesota, immediately on the breaking out of the war of the rebellion, entered into the service of the Union, and was appointed wagon master to the First Minnesota regiment of volunteers, and served as such until September one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one (1861), when he was appointed to the same position in the brigade commanded by Gen. Willis A. Gorman, where he served until March one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), when he was appointed to the same position in the division commanded by Gen. Sedgwick, where he served until June one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), when he was appointed and put in charge of the train of Sumner's corps, and remained in such service with the army of the Potomac until August one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), when, upon the breaking out of the Indian massacre and war in this state, he obtained leave to return and did return to assist in the protection of our people and suppressing the Indian war.

On the next day after his arrival at Minneapolis he received a Captain's commission from His Excellency Governor Ramsey (now the

secretary of war) with instructions to recruit a company of volunteers and proceed, with all possible speed, to the relief of Fort Ridgely and people of the frontier. Fort Ridgely was then besieged by the Indians and in great danger of capture, the most of its garrison having been sent to the seat of war in the South. Such was the confidence in his experience and ability in dealing with Indian disturbances, that he succeeded in raising a company of ninety-six (96) men that same day, and by nine o'clock that evening had marched them to Shakopee, a distance of twenty-five (25) miles in the direction of Fort Ridgely, and in three days arrived with his command, then recruited to the number of one hundred and forty (140) men, arriving at daylight at Fort Ridgely, having marched all night. After that Capt. Northup and his company performed valuable services in the protection of the frontier:

For the above prescribed services Capt. Northup has never received a cent of pay or compensation of any kind.

Your memorialists further represent that from April one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (1865) to November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five (1865) Capt. Northup performed valuable services for the government in acting as guide for Gen. Sully in his expedition up the Missouri river against the hostile Indians, for which services as such guide he has received no pay.

We therefore most respectfully represent to your honorable bodies that justice requires that this old and patriotic servant of the government should receive such compensation for said unpaid public services as in your judgment shall seem meet and just.

Capt. Northup is an old man and pioneer of this state, having resided here since the fall of one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight (1838),

In addition to his own services, as above set forth, for the suppression of the rebellion, two (2) of his sons served for three (3) years as soldiers in company "E" of the First Regiment of Minnesota volunteers.

We think he has just claim upon his country for reward for his long unpaid services, and respectfully pray your honorable bodies to grant him such compensation as shall be equitable and just.

It should be further said that after Captain Northup and his company arrived at St. Peter they acted under the command of Gen. H. H. Sibley.

We are informed and believe that Captain Northup expended over two hundred (200) dollars in paying the necessary expenses of his company, for which he has never been paid.

T. M. NEWSON,  
H. F. MASTERTON,  
J. H. STEWART,  
JOHN B. SANBORN,

DAVID DAY,  
JOHN FARRINGTON,  
HENRY M. RICE,  
A. S. ELFELT,

ORLANDO SIMONS,  
R. R. NELSON,  
D. A. ROBERTSON,  
FRANKLIN STEELE.

I have examined the foregoing petition, and cordially concur in the statement made of Capt. Northup's services, knowing personally

that he was a fearless, gallant and patriotic man, deserving the remuneration asked for in the petition.

Being in command of the military district of Minnesota, and in the field with the forces operating against the hostile Sioux Indians after the outbreak of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), I dispatched a force of mounted volunteers under the command of Col. S. McPhail to the relief of Fort Rigely, Capt. Northup's company forming if I recollect rightly, the larger part of said force, and the fort was reached and relieved as set forth in the petition.

HENRY H. SIBLEY,

Late Brevt. Maj. Gen. U. S. Vols.

I am personally acquainted with the above named Anson Northup, and was with him in the Sully expedition. I was surgeon at the time of the Eighth Minnesota volunteers, which accompanied the expedition. Capt. Northup was wagon master when the expedition started, but was soon after made guide of the expedition, and as such rendered valuable services. I cordially unite in the foregoing petition.

JOHN H. MURPHY, M. D.

Late Surgeon Eighth Minn. Vol. Inf.

I was present at Fort Ridgely during the siege of that post by the Sioux Indians in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862). Anson Northup was one of the first, if not the very first, men to reach that post with a force sufficient to relieve the besieged.

I am personally acquainted with said Anson Northup, and fully concur in the statements made in this petition and accompanying papers, as to his courage, patriotism and merit.

E. A. C. HATCH,

I was present at Fort Ridgely during the siege of that post by Sioux Indians in one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), and concur in the foregoing statement by Major Hatch, and cordially join in the foregoing petition.

J. C. RAMSEY.

I was first lieutenant of Capt. Northup's company of mounted volunteers referred to in the foregoing petition, and accompanied his command as such first lieutenant, to the relief of Fort Rigely, and know that said company was the first to relieve said fort, after a long, hard and dangerous march all night, Capt. Northup, myself, J. H. Thompson, James N. Edwards and Antoine Furnier were the first to enter the fort. And I do most heartily concur in all that is stated in the foregoing petition.

SIMON P. SNYDER.

I am the J. H. Thompson referred to in the foregoing statement of Simon P. Snyder, and I concur in his statements and the statements of the foregoing petition, and hope that the prayer of said petition will be granted.

J. H. THOMPSON.

I was a member of Capt. Northup's company that first relieved Fort Rigely, and fully concur in the statement above and believe Capt. Northup deserves some compensation for his many acts and bravery.

DANIEL BASSETT.

I was in command of the troops of New Ulm, near Fort Ridgely, at the time the fort was besieged by the Sioux in August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), and I remember the fact of Capt Northup's carrying the first relief to the garrison. I have known Capt. Northup for more than twenty-five (25) years. He is a fine specimen of the true frontiersman, always ready, brave, active and intelligent in those difficult and dangerous situations which are incident to the settlement of border countries.

I regard the service of Capt. Northup in going to the relief of Fort Ridgely in the way he did, as peculiarly entitled to recognition by the government. The value of energy, bravery and expedition on such occasions cannot be measured by a money standard.

The check given to the Indians at the fort, which was their first organized attack, was most potential in its influences upon the war, and much of the credit of it is due to Capt. Northup.

CHAS. E. FLADRAU.

State of Minnesota,

County of Ramsey. }

Anson Northup, of said county, being first duly sworn, doth on his oath depose and say: That he is the same person referred to in the foregoing petition, and that all the statements made in the said petition are true. And he further deposes and says, that the said company was a mounted company; that owing to the haste in which it was raised and marched to the relief of Fort Ridgely, there was no adequate provision for the support of the men and their horses, and this deponent paid out for such expenses nearly three hundred (300) dollars—he cannot state the exact amount, but it was all he had, and is near the amount above stated,—and he has never been paid or reimbursed in any manner for such expenditure. This deponent is now over sixty-three (63) years old, has resided in what is now Minnesota since one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight (1838) continually, except the time he had been absent in his service with the Union army. He has a wife and six (6) children—two of the children are minors. The reason why he did not make this claim at the time the services were rendered and the expense incurred, was because he did not then need it or care about it; but now he needs it for the support of himself and family, and feels that his claim is just.

ANSON NORTHUP.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880).

EDWARD SIMONTON,

Notary Public, Ramsey county.

[L. s.]  
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. three (3), one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six (1886).

I am personally acquainted with Anson Northup and know of his services in the field during the Indian difficulties referred to, having seen him on the march in command of his company, and I know that he rendered very important and valuable services to the country.

EDMUND RICE.

Approved Feb. 2, 1887.