

(200,000) square miles of land underlaid with coal, being nearly five (5) times greater in area than the coal lands of the rest of the civilized world, yet to-day the people of the United States, from the richest to the poorest, are forced to pay tribute to a few men holding this vast area of coal bearing land; and

WHEREAS, The holders of this necessity of life and civilization of our country have performed no service to their fellow-countrymen to entitle them to this privilege, but their wealth and power is derived solely from the artificial scarcity they have created in the coal supply by illegal combinations and conspiracies; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That our senators and representatives in the congress of the United States be requested to prepare a bill asserting, by the right of eminent domain, the sovereign right of the people to relieve themselves of this oppression by condemning all coal lands where such conspiracies and combinations exist, and also to reserve our coal lands yet belonging to the general government as valuable mineral lands are reserved, and for the establishment of some system of management [whereby] the people can at all times obtain cheap fuel at the actual cost of mining the same, and not permit this great essential of life to be monopolized by a few citizens to the great detriment of the whole people.

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A MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS FOR THE PAYMENT OF BOUNTY TO MEMBERS OF THE FIRST MINNESOTA CAVALRY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FIRST MINNESOTA MOUNTED RANGERS.

WHEREAS, The First Minnesota Cavalry, commonly called the First Minnesota Mounted Rangers, rendered important and valuable services to the country for a period of one (one) year from about November one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862) to December one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three (1863) in defending the frontiers of this state and driving the hostile Indians from the borders thereof in the most desolating Indian war ever known in the United States, and,

WHEREAS, They have never received recognition at the hands of the government in the way of bounty fully earned by their patriotic service, therefore be it

Resolved, that the senators and representatives of this state in congress be and are hereby requested to use their influence to secure early legislation in congress as may provide for the payment of a reasonable bounty to the members of said regiment of Minnesota Mounted Rangers.

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