

individuals or corporations, whether public or private, and against pledging the faith and credit of the United States for the payment of any debts or obligations other than those of the government contracted in the ordinary course of the administration thereof, pursuant to the authority of the congress of the United States first obtained therefor.

Approved February 24, 1891.

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[S. F. No. 341.]

A JOINT MEMORIAL TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Memorial to
congress for a
legal holiday in
honor of Co-
lumbus.

WHEREAS, Every inhabitant of the United States of America, as well as of both the continents of North and South America, is under incalculable and life-long obligations to Christopher Columbus for the profound conceptions, the heroic persistence and daring which led to the discovery of the New World, and gave the oppressed populations of Europe an opportunity to escape from the crushing burdens of kingcraft and aristocracy; and

WHEREAS, The time is rapidly approaching when the human family is about to celebrate that marvelous discovery of "the world-seeking Genocide." Therefore,

Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the congress of the United States be and the same is hereby memorialized to declare, by law, the anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus, to wit, October twelfth (12th), a day of national thanksgiving, on which the people of the United States shall express their gratitude to Almighty God for the life and services of the illustrious navigator and explorer.

Resolved, That our senators are directed and our representatives in congress requested to urge this measure upon the attention of the present session of congress before its adjournment.

Resolved, That the secretary of state is hereby directed to furnish copies of this memorial to the president of the senate of the United States and the speaker of the house of representatives and to all our delegation in congress.

Approved March 16, 1891.