

We therefore memorialize congress in the name and on behalf of the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that an appropriation of such a just and reasonable sum may be made as will enable those brave men to pass the remainder of their lives in a reasonable degree of comfort, and that they will neither be dependent on the charity of others, nor want for the necessaries of life.

Approved March 9, 1893.

NUMBER 10.

A joint resolution asking Congress to appropriate fifty thousand dollars for the improvement of the Blue Earth river, at the city of Mankato, Blue Earth county, Minnesota.

Be it resolved by the senate of the state of Minnesota, the house of representatives concurring:

That, whereas the city of Mankato has, at great expense, built a free iron wagon bridge across the Blue Earth river within its limits, and whereas, there is a large amount of travel and intercourse between the citizens of the United States carried on across said free bridge, and whereas, the highway leading from said bridge on the easterly side thereof is in imminent danger of being cut away by reason of the Blue Earth river changing its present bed and channel and running east of said bridge, thereby rendering said bridge useless to the public at large, and whereas, the changing of the present bed or channel of said river to the east of said bridge would not only render the bridge useless to the public but would greatly endanger the homes and property of the people living in the vicinity thereof and would be a great calamity to all concerned, therefore

Be it resolved, that our senators and representatives in congress be and they are hereby requested to use all reasonable efforts to secure an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars to be expended under the direction of the engineers of the United States in such manner as to save to the public at large the use of said free bridge and for the protection of the homes and property of the citizens of the United States living in the vicinity thereof.

Be it further resolved, that the secretary of state send a copy of this resolution and preamble to each of our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved March 27, 1893.

NUMBER 11.

A joint resolution relating to a canal between Lake Superior and the Mississippi river.

Whereas, the usual rate of transportation of hard coal from Buffalo to St. Paul by railway is \$4.28 per ton and by water from Buffalo to Duluth only about 30 cents per ton; dockage at Duluth 50 cents a ton, and from Duluth to St. Paul and Minneapolis, by railroad \$1.50