

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 necessities of life.

Approved March 9, 1893.

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#### 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.

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#### 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

per ton; and whereas, if a canal (with capacity for barges and vessels that could navigate the lakes), to unite Lake Superior with the Mississippi river at some feasible point in Minnesota shall be found practicable it will greatly cheapen transportation, and promote the prosperity not only of Minnesota but of the northwest in general; and whereas, under the act of the legislature of Minnesota of March 9th, 1875, nearly \$3,000 were expended by the state in surveys of such a canal but the result was not decisive; and whereas, the senate of the United States at the first session of the last congress adopted an amendment to the river and harbor bill appropriating \$10,000 for surveys to determine the practicability of such a canal but the same failed to be passed in the house; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Minnesota:

That the senators and members of congress from this state are hereby requested to use their best efforts to obtain an appropriation by congress for a survey that will determine the practicability of a canal as above described; and that the secretary of state is hereby instructed to transmit a copy hereof to each of said senators and members of congress.

Approved April 4, 1893.

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## NUMBER 12.

*A joint resolution to Congress, relating to a survey for a reservoir system.*

Resolved, by the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring, that the congress of the United States be memorialized to cause to be made an exhaustive survey of all the navigable and other considerable water courses and the radices of such water courses within this state, to the end that the feasibility of a system of reservoirs shall be decided, if may be, and to determine the sites of such reservoirs, for the purpose of regulating the flow of the waters of any navigable or considerable stream, and to husband the waste waters of such streams, that such water may be utilized for purposes of irrigation, and other economic ends; and

Resolved, that congress be urged to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to defray the expense of this survey, and that as soon as practicable the survey shall be begun and prosecuted under direction of the proper department, to its consummation; and

Resolved, that the representatives of this state in congress are herewith requested to introduce and use every endeavor to have passed a measure which shall secure the object of this memorial; and

Resolved, that the governor of Minnesota be requested to forward a copy of this joint resolution to the President of the United States and to our senators and representatives in congress.

Approved April 10, 1893.