

the national forest reserve are now administered. This legislature urges that the Minnesota delegation in congress exercise its strongest efforts to defeat this proposed legislation.

*Be it Further Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the chief clerk of the house to each of our United States senators and to each of the members in each house of representatives, from this state.

Approved March 11, 1913.

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#### JOINT RESOLUTION No. 5.

WHEREAS, the people of Ireland for many years have been struggling for home rule, only to have from time to time their aspirations blighted; and,

WHEREAS, their struggles for liberty have appealed to all true Americans who love freedom; and,

WHEREAS, the house of commons has, by a vote of one hundred and ten majority, passed the home rule bill for Ireland, therefore,

*Be it Resolved*, that the house of representatives of the state of Minnesota, the senate concurring therein, do hereby extend to the great Irish people its heartiest congralulations and wish them God-speed to the final conclusion of their glorious battle for home rule.

*Resolved*, that the governor of Minnesota, be and he is hereby requested to transmit a certified copy of these resolutions to the Hon. John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish party, and to Premier Asquith of the British parliament.

Approved March 19, 1913.

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#### JOINT RESOLUTION No. 6.

*A memorial from the legislature of the State of Minnesota, to the congress of the United States, for an appropriation for the erection of a monument to the memory of Lieutenant William S. Cox, U. S. N.*

WHEREAS, the descendants of Lieutenant William S. Cox, U. S. N., prominent and valued citizens, are insistent that the memory of their ancestor is clouded by an unjust verdict of a court martial, convened under authority of the United States on April 14, 1814; therefore,

*Resolved*, by the state senate of the state of Minnesota, the house concurring, that the congress of the United States, be and is hereby respectfully urged to make an appropriation for the

erection of a monument to the memory of Lieutenant William S. Cox, U. S. N., at the place of his last residence, and bearing the following inscription:

"This monument  
Is erected to the memory of  
William Sitgreaves Cox  
Lieutenant United States Navy  
By order of Act of Congress  
For meritorious conduct  
In the engagement between  
The Chesapeake and the Shannon  
June 1, 1813,  
He was as humane as he was brave."

*Resolved Further*, that the secretary of state be and he is hereby requested to forthwith transmit certified copies of this memorial to the senate and house of representatives of the congress, and to send copies to each of the senators and representatives therein from this state.

Approved March 31, 1913.

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#### JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7.

*Joint resolution memorializing congress in favor of a canal connecting Lake Superior with the Mississippi river via the Brule and St. Croix rivers, and providing for the appointment of a commission to promote the construction thereof and to act in conjunction with commissions appointed by other states.*

WHEREAS, the congress of the United States, by two several and separate acts, passed in the years 1894 and 1899, authorized and directed two separate surveys and examinations of three proposed routes for a canal connecting Lake Superior with the Mississippi river, one of said routes being from Lake Superior to the Mississippi river via the St. Louis river, one via the Rum River and one via the Brule and St. Croix Rivers; and

WHEREAS, after an actual examination and survey of said several proposed routes, the United States government engineers did report in the year 1894 that the most feasible route for said canal is the route from Allouez Bay on Lake Superior via the Brule and St. Croix rivers to the Mississippi river, and recommended said route; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1899 the United States government engineers did again report that a canal from Lake Superior to the Mississippi river via the Brule and St. Croix rivers was entirely feasible. That in the first of said reports of said government engineers it was estimated that said canal could be con-