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Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon Hon. Edward F. McDonald, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey, 8,000 copies, of which 2,000 copies shall be delivered to the Senators and Representatives of the State of New Jersey, and of those remaining 2,000 copies shall be for the use of the Senate and 4,000 copies for the use of the House; and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to have printed a portrait of said Edward F. McDonald to accompany said eulogies. That of the quota of the House the Public Printer shall set apart 50 copies, which he shall have bound in full morocco with gilt edges, the same to be delivered, when completed, to the family of the deceased.

Agreed to in the House of Representatives, February 18, 1893.

Agreed to in the Senate, February 24, 1893.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEATH.

DECEMBER 5, 1892.

Mr. ENGLISH, of New Jersey: Mr. Speaker, I rise to perform the painful duty of announcing the death of the Hon. EDWARD F. McDONALD, lately a Representative in this House from the State of New Jersey.

I shall not at the present time say anything concerning the merits of the dead, but at an early date I shall ask this House to fix a day on which his friends may express in proper terms their sense of his merit and their grief at his loss.

I offer the resolution which I send to the Clerk's desk, for which I ask immediate consideration.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That this House has heard with deep sorrow of the death of the Hon. EDWARD F. McDONALD, late a Representative from the State of New Jersey.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the family of the dead member.

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to communicate a copy of these resolutions to the Senate.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect for the memory of the dead this House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were agreed to.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 37 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

EULOGIES.

FEBRUARY 11, 1893.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will read the special order.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Saturday, the 11th of February, 1893, beginning at 3 p. m., be set apart for the purpose of paying tribute to the memory of the Hon. EDWARD F. McDONALD, lately a Representative from the Seventh district of New Jersey.

Mr. GEISSENHAINER. I offer the resolutions which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That after the conclusion of the memorial proceedings concerning the memory of the late EDWARD F. McDONALD, now begun as the special order of the day, the House as a further mark of respect to the memory of the dead member will stand adjourned.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolution to the Senate, and that he also transmit a copy to the family of the dead.

ADDRESS OF MR. ENGLISH, OF NEW JERSEY.

Mr. SPEAKER: An unexpected attack of illness has so prostrated my physical powers and disordered my thoughts that I shall beg the indulgent patience of the House while I endeavor in a few words to do justice to the memory of our late fellow-member and my own old-time friend.

EDWARD FRANCIS McDONALD, recently a member of this House from the Seventh Congressional district of New Jersey, died at his residence in the town of Harrison on the 5th of November last, after a brief illness, in the forty-ninth year of his age.

Born in Ireland, he came to this country as a child, and grew up with us as one of us, and, having but faint memories of his native land, became so identified with his adopted country, was filled with the spirit of her institutions—so permeated by a love for her freedom, her Constitution, and her laws, so versed in her history and traditions, that it may be said of him without an abuse of terms that he became a typical American.

He showed his love for his adopted country by imperiling his life in the defense of the Union, at an early age. When barely 17 years old he enlisted in the war between the United States and the seceding States of the South; served with McClellan in all of the battles of the Peninsula and elsewhere with such zeal and devotion to the cause of duty that his immature constitution gave away before the fatigue and strain necessarily involved. Shattered by exposure and toil he was forced, sorely against his will, to a hospital, where under careful treatment he gradually but partially recovered and was granted an honorable discharge from the service.

Returning to his home, broken in health, he endeavored to recover bit by bit the break in his shattered constitution by falling back into the calm pursuits of private life. There he soon attracted attention as he grew towards manhood, as he acted as a man amongst those around him; and whether he lived in the city which I have the honor to represent or in the adjacent town of Harrison, to which he had at length removed, his frankness, his courage, his honesty, and his genial courtesy soon gained for him the respect and confidence and the admiration of all.

Elected to the legislature of his State, he refused further political distinction, and he set himself steadily to the task of maintaining his young and growing family. Then his career began, because his fellow-citizens, appreciating his work and its merits, struck with his manliness and worth, the direct and commanding eloquence of which he was master, called him into its political service. He was chosen at a very critical period of the country's history to the directorship of the board of chosen freeholders, and his skill soon brought order out of confusion and placed the monetary affairs of that municipality upon a firm and sound basis. Re-elected, he declined further political distinction and went back to maintain himself and his by industry and fair play, only retaining the treasurership of the town of Harrison, whose finances he had managed successfully and skillfully for a number of years.

But a man like McDONALD was not to remain long without position, and he was called again into the public service, and called in a marked manner.

There was a peculiar manliness about him, for I knew him well for years, and I speak of him as I found him. There was a manliness and directness of purpose that won him friends in the social circle, as his knowledge of public affairs and his well-balanced intellect gained him friends of a more enduring kind.