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JOINT RESOLUTION to print certain eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late Fernando Wood, Matt. H. Carpenter, and Ambrose K. Burnside.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be printed twelve thousand copies respectively of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late Fernando Wood, a Representative from the State of New York; Matt. H. Carpenter, a Senator from the State of Wisconsin, and Ambruse E. Burnside, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, of each of which four thousand shall be for the Senate, and eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives; and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to have printed portraits of the three above-named Messrs. Wood, Carpenter, and Burnside to accompany their respective eulogies; and for the purpose of defraying the expense of engraving and printing the said portraits the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 15, 1882.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 14, 1881.

The SPEAKER. It is the sad duty of the Chair to bring to the attention of the House the telegram which will be read.

The Clerk read as follows:

HOT SPRINGS, February 14, 1881.

To Hon. Jordan E. Cravens, House of Representatives:

Hon. FERNANDO WOOD died here last night at nine o'clock.

S. A. STITT.

The SPEAKER. Mr. FERNANDO WOOD first entered this House as a member forty years ago; and if he had lived to the close of the Congress for which he was chosen, his term of service would have reached twenty years.

Mr. TUCKER. Mr. Speaker, on receiving this morning the rumor of the sad event which has just been announced, the members of the Committee on Ways and Means, over which Mr. WOOD presided for four years, waited for its authentication. Upon the intelligence being confirmed by the telegram which has just been read, the committee held a meeting, at which I was instructed to offer for the consideration of the House the resolutions which I now submit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That this House has heard with deep regret of the death of Hon. FERNANDO WOOD, late a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That a committee of nine members be appointed by the Speaker to take order for superintending the funeral of Mr. WOOD; and that, as a mark of respect entertained by the House for his memory, his remains be removed from Hot Springs, Arkansas, to the city of New York in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms, attended by said committee, who shall have full power to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Senate.

Resolved, That, as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to second the resolutions submitted by the distinguished gentleman from Virginia [Mr. Tucker].

Death casts his baleful shadows across our chamber. He appears

in the very midst of our deliberations. He abruptly closes our legislative labors.

Although the sad tidings announced by you, sir, were not altogether unexpected, yet, after all, such messages never fail to startle us with their suddenness.

My colleague, who so recently left us, followed by so many sorrowful forebodings, has now left us forever. His long and eminent public service—service in the great metropolis as its conspicuous chief magistrate for three eventful terms, and service in this Hall as the representative of that metropolis, beginning almost two score years ago—is ended. His demise leaves a void which creates a hush and an awe to which this House is unaccustomed.

The committee of which he was chairman has been prompt to recognize its great loss and his remarkable character. His experience, his information, his presence, his courtesy, his dignity, and his courage marked him as a debater, a statesman, and a man of great qualities, attributes, and energies. Disease did not, for it could not, close—only death did or could close—his distinguished career.

He felt and knew when he left us, as he stated in his last speech on this floor, that he was nearing the closing hours of an eventful life. He met death dauntlessly.

As a mark of sorrow and sympathy, of esteem and respect to one of the foremost men in this House and in the country, the delegation of the State of New York will endeavor to have designated a day for such obsequies as will fitly commemorate the eminent character of the deceased.

I ask that the House may now take action on the resolutions submitted by my friend from Virginia [Mr. Tucker].

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The SPEAKER. In obedience to the instructions of one of the resolutions just adopted, the Chair announces the appointment of the committee, whose names will be read.

The Clerk read as follows:

Select committee to attend the funeral of Hon. FERNANDO WOOD: Mr. Tucker, of Virginia; Mr. Frye, of Maine; Mr. Phelps, of Connecticut; Mr. Dummell, of Minnesota; Mr. Mills, of Texas; Mr. McKinley, of Ohio; Mr. Carlisle, of Kentucky; Mr. Crittenden, of New York, and Mr. Hutchins, of New York.

The SPEAKER. In further obedience to one of the resolutions just adopted, the Chair now declares this House adjourned, in respect to the memory of the deceased, Mr. FERNANDO WOOD, till to-morrow at eleven o'clock.

FEBRUARY 19, 1881.

Mr. TUCKER submitted the following resolutions; which were read, considered, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of Hon. FERNANDO WOOD, late a Representative from the State of New York, and in order to permit the members and officers of this House to attend the funeral from his late residence in this city at three o'clock p. m. this day, at two o'clock p. m. this House will adjourn.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolution to the Senate, with an invitation to the members of the Senate to join the members of the House attending said funeral.

The SPEAKER (at two o'clock p. m.). The Chair desires to state that gentlemen who design to attend the funeral of their late fellow-member, Hon. FERNANDO WOOD, will find carriages provided by the Sergeant-at-Arms at the east front of the House wing of the Capitol. In obedience to the order adopted to-day, the House now, in respect to the memory of Mr. WOOD, stands adjourned until Monday next at eleven o'clock.

FEBRUARY 21, 1881.

Mr. COX. I ask unanimous consent to submit at this time a proposed order, to which I think there will be no objection.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ordered by the House of Representatives, That next Sunday, at three o'clock in the afternoon, be set apart for the observance of the ceremonies in memory of Hon. FERNANDO WOOD, late a member of this House.

The SPEAKER. If there be no objection this order will be adopted.

There was no objection.

Some time subsequently the following was adopted:

Ordered, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolution to the Senate, with an invitation to the Senate to attend in the House at said hour and participate in said ceremonies.

FEBRUARY 23, 1881.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Burch, its Secretary, communicated to the House a resolution of the Senate accepting the invitation of the House to attend the observance of the ceremonies in memory of Hon. FERNANDO WOOD in the Hall of the Houses on Sunday next at three o'clock in the afternoon.

FEBRUARY 26, 1881.

Mr. TUCKER. I ask the House to adopt the order which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Ordered, That the ceremonies fixed for Sunday (to-morrow) at three p. m., in commemoration of the late Hon. FERNANDO WOOD, be postponed until Monday evening, at eight o'clock, and that the Senate be advised of the change.

The SPEAKER. The effect of this is to postpone the ceremonies until Monday evening, for the reason that the burial of Senator Carpenter takes place about the same time on to-morrow that it had been ordered there should be a session of the House. Of course the Senate and such of the members of the House as may desire to attend the funeral of the late Senator Carpenter could not do it and at the same time participate in the ceremonies in the House under the original order. In view of that fact its postponement has been deemed necessary.

The order was agreed to.

FEBRUARY 28, 1881.

The SPEAKER. The House will be in order. Rev. Dr. Bullock, Chaplain of the Senate, will offer prayer.

The Chaplain of the Senate, Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., offered the following

PRAYER.

Almighty and ever-living God, who art the maker of our bodies, the father of our spirits, and the disposer of all events, we invoke Thy blessing to rest upon the services of this solemn occasion.

In Thine inscrutable providence during the last days of this Congress it hath seemed good unto Thee to remove from this world by the hand of death two of the most distinguished members of this National Legislature. We pray that these solemn events may be deeply impressed upon the minds and hearts of all those who have been associated with them in guiding and directing the affairs of this great country. May they be led by these solemn dispensations of Thy providence to consider their latter end and to see the importance of being prepared for their departure when it is thy will to call them hence. For it is certainly true that it is appointed unto all men once to die, and after death the judgment; and that neither wealth, nor talent, nor high position can arrest the footsteps of death, the great destroyer of human hopes and human expectations.

And we pray that we all give heed to the solemn warning that comes from the vacant chairs clad in sackcloth that were recently filled by those who are now numbered among the dead. We do beseech Thee, Our Father, that, seeing that life is so short and so uncertain, and that death and judgment and eternity are certainly before us, we may so live that when the summons of death may be put into our hands we shall be ready to die in peace and in the confident expectation of a glorious immortality.

We pray for the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost to abide upon us, now and forever. Amen.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will cause the order of the House under which this evening's session is held to be now read.

The Clerk read as follows:

SATURDAY, February, 20, 1881.

Mr. Tucker, by unanimous consent, submitted the following order; which was read, considered, and agreed to:

"Ordered, That the ceremonies fixed for Sunday (to-morrow) at three p. m., in commemoration of the late Hon. FERNANDO WOOD, be postponed until Monday evening, at eight o'clock, and that the Senate be advised of the change."