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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PRINT THE EULOGIES UPON JAMES P. WALKER.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late James P. Walker, a Representative in the Fifty-first Congress from the State of Missouri, twelve thousand copies; of which three thousand copies shall be for the use of the Senate and nine thousand copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives; and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to have printed a portrait of the said James P. Walker, to accompany said eulogies. That of the quota to the House of Representatives the Public Printer shall set apart fifty 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.

In the House of Representatives, agreed to February 27, 1891.

In the Senate, agreed to March 2, 1891.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEATH.

JULY 21, 1890.

Mr. DOCKERY. Mr. Speaker, it has been but a little more than twelve months since, standing at this very desk, I announced the death of that eminent Missourian Hon. James N. Burnes.

To-day the melancholy duty devolves upon me of announcing to the House the death of yet another colleague.

The grim summons came unherald to my friend Hon. JAMES P. WALKER at his home in Dexter, Missouri, on last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. His death resulted from congestion of the brain.

Mr. Speaker, Missouri mourns his loss, for he was loyal to her interests, faithful in the public service, honorable and true in all the relations of private life.

Sir, this is not the hour to pronounce a eulogy upon our distinguished departed colleague, but at some appropriate time in the future the Missouri delegation will ask the House to lay aside its ordinary business, that a fitting tribute may be paid to his memory.

Mr. Speaker, I offer for present consideration the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound regret the announcement of the death of Hon. JAMES P. WALKER, late a Representative from the State of Missouri.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That a select committee, consisting of seven members of the House and three members of the Senate, be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral, and that the necessary expenses attending the execution of this order be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for properly carrying into effect the provisions of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Senate; and that, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

The question was taken upon the adoption of the resolutions, and they were unanimously agreed to.

The SPEAKER. Pending the announcement of the result, the Chair desires to appoint the following members of the committee referred to in the resolution: Mr. Dockery, of Missouri; Mr. Frank, of Missouri; Mr. Crisp, of Georgia; Mr. Morrill, of Kansas; Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee; Mr. Baker, of New York, and Mr. Davidson, of Florida.

The result of the vote was then announced; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned.

EULOGIES.

DECEMBER 6, 1890.

Mr. WHITELAW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Saturday, January 10, beginning at 2 p. m., be fixed as a special order for pronouncing eulogies upon the Hon. JAMES P. WALKER, deceased, late Representative from the Fourteenth Congressional district of Missouri.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the special order.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That Saturday, January 10, beginning at 2 p. m., be set aside for paying tribute to the memory of Hon. JAMES P. WALKER, late a member of the House of Representatives from the Fourteenth Congressional district of Missouri.

Mr. DOCKERY. Mr. Speaker, by a prior order of the House this hour has been set apart that the friends of the late Hon. JAMES P. WALKER may pay suitable tributes to his memory. He was my friend in all that the term ingenuously implies. As a Representative he was frank, patriotic, and fearless; as sincere, devoted, and zealous in the people's interest as in his private walk and personal character he was stainless and without reproach.

In behalf of the Missouri delegation on this floor I submit the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with sincere regret of the death of Hon. JAMES P. WALKER, late a Representative from the State of Missouri.

Resolved, That the business of the House be now suspended, in order that the faithful public services, as well as the personal virtues and worth, of the deceased may be fittingly commemorated.

Resolved, That as an additional tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased the House shall, at the conclusion of these memorial proceedings, stand adjourned.

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

ADDRESS OF MR. WHITELAW, OF MISSOURI.

JANUARY 10, 1891.

MR. SPEAKER: The House is again called upon to suspend its ordinary proceedings that it may in a proper manner mark its respect for one of its former members whose death it laments, to testify to his private worth and public virtues and give expression to its sorrow. Once more the members from Missouri have been called upon to mourn the loss of one of their colleagues. At 2 o'clock Saturday, July 19, 1890, the spirit of Hon. JAMES PETER WALKER took its flight to its eternal home. In the few remarks that I shall make I purpose only to give a brief outline of his life and character.

He was born in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, on March 14, 1851, and hence at the time of his death was in his fortieth year. When a boy he attended the neighboring schools and obtained a fair common-school education, to which he afterwards added a large store of special and general knowledge by an intelligent application to books and business. It may properly be said of him that by his own indomitable pluck and energy he transformed himself from a poor plowboy in the cornfield, from a hewer of wood