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FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, THIRD SESSION.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *February 24, 1879.*

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That twelve thousand copies of the memorial addresses delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives upon the late JULIAN HARTRIDGE, late a Representative from the State of Georgia, be printed; of which three thousand copies shall be for the use of the Senate and nine thousand for the use of the House of Representatives.

Attest:

GEO. M. ADAMS, *Clerk.*



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ADDRESSES
ON THE
DEATH OF JULIAN HARTRIDGE.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

JANUARY 8, 1879.

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, it is my painful duty to announce the death of my colleague, Hon. JULIAN HARTRIDGE, which took place at his room in this city at six and a half o'clock this morning. At some future time I shall ask that a day be set for the consideration of appropriate obituary resolutions. I offer now the resolutions which I send to the desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with sincere regret the announcement of the death of Hon. JULIAN HARTRIDGE, late a Representative from the State of Georgia.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That a special joint committee of seven Members and three Senators be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral and to escort the remains of the deceased to his late residence in Georgia; and the necessary expenses attending the execution of this order shall be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

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

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

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The SPEAKER announced the appointment of the following-named members as the committee on the part of the House under the second resolution: Mr. PHILIP COOK, of Georgia; Mr. SAMUEL S. COX, of New York; Mr. GEORGE C. CABELL, of Virginia; Mr. JOSEPH C. STONE, of Iowa; Mr. ROBERT H. M. DAVIDSON, of Florida; Mr. CARTER H. HARRISON, of Illinois; and Mr. JOHN I. MITCHELL, of Pennsylvania; and then, in accordance with the last resolution, the House (at twelve o'clock and twenty minutes p. m.) adjourned.

JANUARY 9, 1879.

Mr. COOK. I offer the following resolutions.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the funeral ceremonies of HON. JULIAN HARTRIDGE, late a Representative in this body from the State of Georgia, be held at three o'clock p. m. this day in this Hall.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Senate, and invite the Senate to attend said funeral ceremonies.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Sympson, one of its clerks, announced the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, pursuant to the invitation of the House of Representatives, the Senate will attend the funeral ceremony of HON. JULIAN HARTRIDGE, late a member of the House of Representatives from the State of Georgia, in the Hall of the House of Representatives this day at three o'clock.

At three o'clock the Senate of the United States, preceded by the Sergeant-at-Arms and headed by the Vice-President of the United States, with the Secretary, the Chief Justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court, and the President of the United States and the members of his Cabinet, entered the Hall, were properly announced, and were then conducted to the seats assigned them.

At fifteen minutes past three o'clock the casket containing the remains was brought into the Hall, preceded by the Chaplain of the House, the committee of arrangements, and the Senators and Representatives from Georgia.

The Chaplain of the House, Rev. W. P. HARRISON, D. D., read the ninetyeth psalm and selections from the epistle according to Saint John, the book of Job, and the first epistle of Timothy. He then offered the following prayer :

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we are assembled together this day on a solemn occasion. It has pleased Thee in Thy mysterious providence to call from earth into eternity one whom we loved, a member of this House of Representatives, one of the chosen servants of this people. We can but bow, O God, in submission to this affliction of Thy providence, and we pray Thee that while we consider this day the death of our departed friend, oh impress upon us the solemn truth that we too are mortal, that we are passing away, that very soon the place that knows us now will know us here no more forever.

Oh Infinite Spirit, apply the lesson of this hour to every heart. Oh God, help us to reverence Thy name and Thy law and to fear Thee as the beginning of wisdom, to give Thee our heart-service, to dedicate our lives to Thy glory upon the earth, that we may fulfill every duty, that with fidelity in all things we may honor Thy name and serve our generation.

Oh God, look in pity, in tender compassion, upon the family of this deceased brother. Oh Thou that hast promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, care tenderly for them. Do Thou soften this heavy stroke by the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit; and as no man can minister to grief so deep and so dark, Oh Infinite God do Thou give solace, and in Thy compassion and Thy tender mercy may they find resignation and peace.

Go with us, Oh God, to the remainder of our life's short journey,

preparé us for every duty to Thee, to our country, to ourselves. May we be faithful to all trusts; may we serve Thee with a perfect heart, and when we too shall lie cold in death, when we shall appear in the presence of our Infinite Judge, oh God, grant unto us in the parting hour confidence in Thy mercy, trust in Thy redeeming power, and in the heaven of everlasting peace receive us all at last, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The Chaplain next read selections out of the fifteenth chapter of the first epistle of Saint Paul to the Corinthians, and afterward addressed the House as follows:

All that is mortal, my beloved hearers, of JULIAN HARTRIDGE, Representative in the Congress of the United States from the State of Georgia, lies before us. Suddenly in a day, without warning, cut down as by a single stroke of the great reaper, Death. In the prime of life and vigor of his days his sun has gone down while it was yet high noon.

It is not my purpose to speak of him as a man, as a friend, and a public servant. This task belongs to other and more capable friends. Only those who knew him intimately, who knew him well in all the closer relations of private friendship, were fully prepared to appreciate his worth.

It may be permitted to me to echo what I believe to be the general sentiment of esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. As a man, frank in disposition, courteous in manner, generous in spirit, brave in principle, true to every trust reposed in him. As a man, modest, retiring, somewhat reticent, and therefore needed to be thoroughly and closely cultivated in order to be fully understood and appreciated. As a public servant, trusted in early life with the responsibilities of a high station among his fellow-citizens, repeatedly the subject of their choice in various public stations in his own State, and for nearly four years in this House a Representative of his people. Everywhere that he was known, by all with whom he came in con-

tact, I believe it to be simply true to say that he was thoroughly esteemed and fondly loved as a friend, as a man.

His mind was clear and logical, having the peculiar characteristics which qualified him for the thorough mastery of the science of the law. His life devoted to this profession, preferred by him above all others, it was but recently that he refused to be a candidate for re-nomination to the office which he had filled in this Government, preferring the private duties, the labors and toils and the promises of his own profession to public life.

A rapidly extending practice, a rapidly growing interest called his attention home; and so he was awaiting but the lapse of the few weeks that remain of this present Congress to retire to his native place and give himself wholly to the duties of the legal profession.

Alas, how frail are human expectations! How suddenly are our hopes blasted! Oh, how vain are the calculations of man trusting to a long life, to a prosperous and useful future! In a moment cut down and he himself summoned to the bar of his Judge!

While I leave to others to portray his character, as a minister of the everlasting gospel of the Son of God it becomes my duty to press upon your attention the solemn lesson of this hour. As he lies cold in the coffin to-day, you and I, my hearers, must lie before many days have passed away. It is but a trite statement of the truth, and it is one that we have avoided and have endeavored to put away from thought and conscience; but death is a certainty. Whatever else may happen to you and to me, we must die. If you or I were able to gather together all the wealth of the world we could not postpone, much less prevent, that solemn hour. Whatever station you may occupy in society, you may illustrate the glory of your country, you may write your names high upon the temple of fame, the world may be filled with the testimonials of its applause at your achievements, but though you stand in fame's highest niche, out of that you must come down and fill the narrow house of clay. The