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## RESOLUTION.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*February 4, 1895.*

*Resolved* (if the Senate concur), That ten thousand copies of the *McClure* memorial exercises of *Ex-Governor Curtis* be printed and bound in cloth, five thousand for the use of the *House of Representatives*, and three thousand for the use of the *Senate*, and two thousand for the use of the *Executive* and other *Departments*.

A. D. FETTEROLF,

*Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

E. W. SMILEY,

*Chief Clerk of the Senate.*

Approved the eleventh day of February, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-five.

DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution concurred in by the *Senate* February 6, 1895, and approved by the *Governor* February 11, 1895.

A. D. FETTEROLF,

*Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.*





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HON. HENRY F. WALTON, *Speaker*, said:

We are here to-night to listen to an address on the life and public services of Andrew G. Curtin, one of Pennsylvania's greatest sons. I have been selected to call this meeting to order and I do so with great pleasure. I have the honor to introduce to you as your permanent chairman a gentleman who was a warm personal friend of Governor Curtin and is a friend and companion of the distinguished gentleman who is to address you, Col. Alexander K. McClure.

He is a gentleman who has been in public life for over half a century and to-day is the oldest living member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

I present to you the Honorable George V. Lawrence, of Washington county.

MR. LAWRENCE said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: As chairman of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives, which has charge of the proceedings preliminary to this meeting, I am ordered to preside, and I esteem it a very great honor. This is a rare assembly convened for a most laudable purpose which cannot but meet the ap-

proval of every intelligent and patriotic citizen of the State.

"It was justly anticipated by the people that their representatives here should take some intelligent and proper action in reference to the public life and services of the late ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin. The common gratitude of all men approved this, for his name is revered in every household in the land, and his devotion to the soldiers of his native State during the war, and his patriotic action and defense of the Union is to them a living, blooming Amaranth on their pathway through life.

"In looking among those who were competent to express to us and to the people a proper estimate of his public services and to put in such form of language as would tend to perpetuate his fame and carry it to the generations who shall follow us, our minds naturally turned to that man who above all others was his most intimate friend and associate during the eventful period of his life, one who understood the motives of his public action, and stood nearer to him than any one outside his own household. I need not say I allude to Colonel A. K. McClure, whom I now present to this large and intelligent assembly of gentlemen and ladies."

**COLONEL McCLURE** said:

Mr. President, Senators, Representatives, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Heroic epochs are essential to the development and preservation of the best civilization in any people. Montesquieu, a distinguished writer and historian of the last century, said: "Happy the people whose annals are blank in history's book." He was in error. The people whose annals are unnoted in history achieve nothing for the world or for themselves. No advancement in litera-