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**JOINT RESOLUTION** to provide for the publication of the memorial addresses delivered in Congress upon the late Jonathan T. Updegraff.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be printed twelve thousand copies of the memorial addresses delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives upon the life and character of Hon. Jonathan T. Updegraff, late a Representative from the State of Ohio, together with a portrait of the deceased; nine thousand copies thereof for the use of the House of Representatives and three thousand copies for the use of the Senate. And a sum sufficient to defray the expense of preparing and printing the portrait of the deceased for the publication herein provided for is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved February 23, 1883.

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ADDRESSES  
ON THE  
DEATH OF JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF.  

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*December 4, 1882.*

Mr. HERBERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce that since the adjournment of this House in August my colleague, Hon. WILLIAM M. LOWE, died at his residence in Huntsville, Alabama; and making to-day simply this sad announcement that he has gone from among us forever, I give notice that on some future occasion a motion will be made to fix a day upon which this House shall pay appropriate honors to his memory.

I now yield to the gentleman from Ohio, who has a similar announcement to make.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*December 4, 1882.*

Mr. EZRA B. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, with feelings of the deepest personal sorrow I have to announce the death of my honorable colleague, JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF, late a member of this House from the State of Ohio. The experience of Mr. UPDEGRAFF in this Hall, his fidelity to the public service, his integrity, and his ability cause his loss to be deplored by this body and by the country. His private character and social qualities give to his death ground for peculiar grief to those who knew him best.

I ask the action of the House on the following resolution.

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The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with sincere regret the announcement of the death during the late recess of Hon. WILLIAM M. LOWE, late a Representative from the State of Alabama, and of Hon. JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate the foregoing resolution to the Senate.

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

The resolution was unanimously adopted; and accordingly the House adjourned.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*January 20, 1883.*

Mr. JOSEPH D. TAYLOR I ask unanimous consent that Tuesday, February 6, at 2 o'clock p. m., be fixed as the time for the consideration of suitable resolutions of respect, and for paying appropriate tributes to the memory of my deceased predecessor, the Hon. JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

*February 6, 1883.*

Mr. JOSEPH D. TAYLOR. The hour assigned for exercises dedicated to the memory of the late Hon. JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF has now arrived, and I am directed by my colleagues to present for the consideration of the House, the resolutions which I send to the desk to be read.

The Clerk read as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives has received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. J. T. UPDEGRAFF, late a Representative from the State of Ohio.

*Resolved*, That the business of the House be now suspended that suitable honors may be paid to the memory of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House do communicate these resolutions to the Senate of the United States.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House, at the conclusion of these memorial exercises, shall adjourn.



## Address of Mr. JOSEPH D. TAYLOR, of Ohio.

Mr. SPEAKER: The dark shadow of death has fallen heavily upon the Forty-seventh Congress. Nine times has the sable messenger glided across the floor of this House, bearing from the busy scenes of its activity Fernando Wood, of New York; Michael P. O'Connor, of South Carolina; James Q. Smith and William M. Lowe, of Alabama; Robert M. A. Hawk, of Illinois; Thomas Allen, of Missouri; JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF, of Ohio; Godlove S. Orth, of Indiana; and John W. Shackelford, of North Carolina. And they passed away in the order in which I have named them.

Mr. Smith, of Alabama, whom the House, July 20, 1882, adjudged elected to represent the fourth district of Alabama, died in this city pending the contest of his election, and before the decision of the House in his favor.

To this list of mortality must be added Senator Burnside, of Rhode Island; Senator Carpenter, of Wisconsin; and Senator Hill, of Georgia.

Ohio has been singularly fortunate during the eighty years of her history as a State. In this long period but seven of her members of Congress, including both Houses, have fallen at their posts of duty:

In 1821, Senator Trimble; in 1844, Representatives Brinkerhoff and Moore; in 1850, Representative Wood; in 1867, Representative Hamilton; in 1870, Representative Hoag; and in 1882, Representative UPDEGRAFF.

We are here to-day to pay tributes of respect to the memory of my honored predecessor, the Hon. JONATHAN T. UPDEGRAFF, and the delicate and responsible duty of opening the remarks of this occasion has been assigned to me by my colleagues.

On the 30th day of November last, when the flowers of summer had faded and when the leaves of autumn had fallen, there came to the home of Dr. UPDEGRAFF, in the picturesque village of Mount

Pleasant, Ohio, a messenger which no human power can turn away. On that day of national thanksgiving, when family greetings and domestic joys were filling other homes and other hearts, the darkness and desolation of death settled upon the home and hearthstone of that once happy family. The silver cord was loosed, the golden bowl was broken, and the husband, father, neighbor, statesman, friend, closed his eyes forever upon the scene of his earthly struggles and triumphs and was numbered with the dead. I do not rise here to indulge in any fulsome adulation of our deceased brother. No meed of eulogistic praise can add to the measure of a life rounded up, completed, the volume ended, the record closed, and sealed with the clasp of death. I may but bring my tribute of memory to cast with yours at the dead feet of one whose familiar form we shall see no more until we too shall pass—

At God's commandment through the shadowy gates,  
To reach the sunlight of the eternal hills.

The observance of ceremonies of this kind is not a recent custom. The ancient Greeks and Romans were wont to gather about their fallen heroes and recount their virtues and the trophies they had won. Memorials in brass and marble, in undying verse and imperishable utterances, have come down through all ages to inspire the ambition of youth and stir the pulses of manhood. More than three thousand years ago a monument was erected by divine direction, on the shores of the Jordan, of stone taken from the bed of the river where the feet of the priests had stood, which should be for a memorial unto Israel forever. And, sir, it is fitting that we should pause a brief moment, amid the absorbing cares of daily life, and mark the foot-prints of those who have attained a worthy prominence among men; and while we weave a garland of flowers to deck the grave of our friend who has gone from among us, we should take note of those circumstances which press upon us the lesson of our own mortality and the claims of our spiritual nature.

Dr. UPDEGRAFF was born in York, now called Updegraff, in Jefferson County, Ohio; was the son of David Updegraff, a minister of the Society of Friends, and a grandson of Nathan Upde-

graff, one of the framers of the first constitution of Ohio. His father moved to Ohio about the beginning of the present century, and of his eight children two only survive—David B. Updegraff, an eminent minister of the Society of Friends, who resides in Mount Pleasant and is the owner of a farm about a mile distant, where the Updegraff family have their burying-ground, and Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, who is a lady of culture and a prominent member of the same society. The devoted wife, whose kindly presence is well known in Washington circles, still resides with her two little boys at the family homestead in Mount Pleasant. Of his other children three survive him—two sons and a daughter, the eldest being Judge R. D. Updegraff, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. UPDEGRAFF'S boyhood was spent on his father's farm until his nineteenth year. He was educated in the common schools and in Franklin College, one of the oldest and most respectable institutions of learning in Ohio. Having chosen medicine as his profession, he entered the office of Dr. Flanner, of Mount Pleasant, completed his course of studies, and graduated at the University of Pennsylvania.

He began the practice of medicine and surgery at the early age of twenty-one, and soon became an eminent and successful physician, adding much to his reputation and usefulness by completing his studies, in 1851 and 1852, in the medical schools of Edinburgh and Paris. Toward the close of the war, following still in the line of his profession, he served as a surgeon in the Union Army.

In 1872 he was Presidential elector in the electoral college which gave the vote of Ohio to General Grant. In 1872 and 1873 he was a member of the Ohio State senate. In 1873 he was temporary president of the Republican State convention of Ohio. In 1875 he was chairman of the State Republican central committee. In 1876 he was a delegate to the national Republican convention at Cincinnati which nominated President Hayes. And in 1878 he received the Republican nomination for Representative to the Forty-sixth Congress and was triumphantly elected. He was re-nominated and re-elected two years later to the present Congress, and in October last, only a few weeks prior to his decease, he was