

WHEREAS, the United States Corps of Engineers, under the direction of the War Department, acting by authority of Congress, after full and complete surveys being made by them, have demonstrated not only the feasibility of constructing reservoirs on the head waters of the Mississippi river and its tributaries, but the great practical utility thereof in the interest of navigation, during the period of low water in the autumn months; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent demand made by the people of the entire Mississippi Valley for the thorough improvement of the river throughout its whole length, to the end that it may be made the People's Highway to the markets of the world, free from tolls or the dictation of corporate monopolies, who combine to oppress alike producers and consumers.

And believing that the construction of such reservoirs as have been recommended by such able engineers as General Warren, Col. Farquhar and Major Allen, endorsed by General Humphreys and General Wright, and recommended by the War Department, will prove a great factor in solving the navigation question favorably, therefore, we would most respectfully and earnestly request that you make such appropriations as may be necessary for their speedy construction under the direction of the War Department.

Approved February 2d, 1881.

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MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS.

WHEREAS, John M. Broome, now of Mankato, in the State of Minnesota, on the third (3d) day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), duly enlisted in the Twelfth (12th) Kentucky Infantry (Union army) Volunteers, as a leader of a regimental band, and served as such until September tenth (10th) A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (1862), when all regimental bands were discharged by general orders; and,

WHEREAS, Said John M. Broome was injured by a rupture while in such military service, and in the line of duty, but that by reason of the regimental surgeon not having kept a record of such disability, he is unable to obtain a pension, as he otherwise would be entitled to receive by reason of such disability, which he claims is permanent.

Therefore be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to use their influence for the passage of a law granting a pension to said John M. Broome, or that he be allowed a pension upon the proof already furnished or which he may furnish respecting such disability.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State is hereby directed to send an authenticated copy of the above resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved March 4, 1881.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,
SAINT PAUL; APRIL 27, 1881. }

I hereby certify that the foregoing joint resolutions have been carefully compared with the originals on file in this office, and that the same are true and correct copies thereof.

FRED VON BAUMBACH,
Secretary of State.