

AND WHEREAS, To accommodate the deeper draft vessels that will pass into Lake Superior on the opening of the new Sault Canal, which will occur during the coming season of navigation, it will be necessary to dredge deeper the whole harbor of Duluth.

AND WHEREAS, The rapidly increasing commerce of Duluth has created a present urgent necessity for more room for the safe anchorage of fleets of vessels liable to be driven in by storms and for the convenient handling of freight, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and are hereby requested, if possible to secure at the present session of Congress an appropriation for the harbor of Duluth of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000), and an appropriation of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for the harbor of Grand Marais.

That a copy of this joint resolution be forwarded to our Representatives and Senators in Congress forthwith.

Approved February 12, 1881.

NUMBER 8.

A MEMORIAL TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED.

Your memorialists, the Legislature of the State of Minnesota would most respectfully urge the passage of the bill introduced by Mr. Keefer in the House of Representatives, granting pensions to certain Union soldiers and sailors of the late war of the Rebellion who were confined in the so-called Confederate Prisons.

Approved March 3, 1881.

NUMBER 9.

A JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE RELIEF OF PERSONS WHO HAVE FILED UPON HOMESTEADS ON THE WESTERN PRAIRIES.

WHEREAS, Many citizens of the United States, during the months of September and October, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty (1880), made homestead filings upon lands on our western prairies, under the acts of Congress granting homesteads to actual settlers; and