

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

PASSED BY THE TWENTIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

NUMBER 1.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled in Regard to an Investigation of the Matters Pertaining to the Fox Indians of Iowa.

To the Hon. the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America:

The General Assembly of the State of Iowa, beg leave to state. That prior to the year A. D. 1804, the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians of the Mississippi were the owners in common of large tracts of land including great portions of what is now known as the state of Iowa.

That by virtue of certain treaties made by them with the United States in said year, and in years subsequent thereto, they ceded said lands, to the United States, and the moneys arising from the sale thereof were invested by the general government for the use and benefit of said Sac and Fox Indians, and that the fund so invested amounts annually to the sum of fifty-four thousand (54,000) dollars, as will more fully appear, from the Report of the Hon. the Indian Commissioner, for the year A. D. 1881.

That by virtue of certain treaties, made by and between Sac and Fox Indians, and the United States, the said Indians were removed, located and settled in the state of Kansas, and afterward removed and settled in the Indian Territory, but before their removal to the last named place, and as early as the year A. D. 1855 a majority of the Fox tribe, not being satisfied with the country, and their relations with the Sacs not being as pleasant as desirable, returned to Tama county Iowa, where they have since resided and with their own money have purchased large tracts of valuable lands, which are held in trust for them, by the governor of the state of Iowa.

That by an apportionment made by Congress in the year A. D. 1860, the annuities due and coming to the Sac and Fox tribe of Indians, it was ordered that the Indians in Iowa should receive the sum of eleven thousand one hundred seventy-four and 66-100 (11,174 66-100) dollars, and the balance of said fifty-four thousand (54,000) dollars, was paid to the Indians in the Indian Territory.

That there are now in Iowa three hundred and sixty (360) Indians all of the Fox tribe, and of the same tribe there are twenty (20) in the Indian Territory.

There are of the Sac tribe of Indians only four hundred and twenty (420) all in the Indian Territory.

That the Fox tribe of Indians in Iowa understand and believe, that said apportionment was made under a misapprehension of the facts, and under a belief that most of said joint tribes of Indians were in the Indian Territory.

That the said Fox tribe of Indians have asked the Indian Commissioner to adjust the matter equitably, and pay them the amount justly due them, as their proportion of said fund, but he informs them that under existing laws, he is powerless and can do nothing while the law of 1860 is in force.

WHEREFORE, The general assembly of the state of Iowa, hereby respectfully ask congress, to pass such laws, in relation thereto as shall give to each tribe such portion of said annuities, as shall be equitable and just and we especially ask that the members thereof from this state may use their influence for the accomplishment of the same.

Resolved, That the secretary of state is directed to forward a copy of this memorial and joint resolution to the president of the United States senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives with the request that they be laid before both houses composing the congress.

Approved, February 16, 1884.

NUMBER 2.

IN RELATION TO DEATH OF GENERAL JAMES I. GILBERT.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That we hereby express our sense of a public loss in the death of General James I. Gilbert, who was one of Iowa's most gallant soldiers, and for many years was one of her honored citizens.

That we place on public record a tribute to his generous and high-minded nature, his moral worth, his lofty sentiments of patriotism, and his brave leadership upon the battle fields of the country, for the preservation of the unity and integrity of our government.

That this resolution be spread upon the journals of the two houses, and that an engrossed copy thereof be forwarded to the bereaved family of the deceased, as a token of our sympathy and condolence in their irreparable loss.

Approved, February 21, 1884.