

JOINT RESOLUTION

IN RELATION TO BADGE OF HONOR FOR IOWA SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

WHEREAS, Chapter 136, laws of the eighteenth general assembly, appointed a commission
2 to devise a design for a badge to be given to all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors
3 who were citizens of the state of Iowa, and who served their country during the late re-
4 bellion; and

5 WHEREAS, The commission appointed under said act have submitted a design to your
6 committee of a badge composed of bronze, which, at prices asked, would cost forty cents
7 net; and

8 WHEREAS, Your committee is of the opinion that a badge of a different design and price
9 would better suit the soldiery of the state; and

10 WHEREAS, Your committee has no means at present of knowing what number of soldiers
11 and sailors will be entitled to said badge, which must necessarily be known before the man-
12 ufacture of said badge is commenced; therefore

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That said commission, appointed by chapter 136, laws of the eighteenth general assembly,
2 be continued as a committee on design for a badge, and also to take further means to ascer-
3 tain, from different parties who are engaged in manufacturing such articles, the lowest price
4 at which a suitable badge can be obtained. And also that the adjutant-general shall ascer-
5 tain approximately, either by publication through newspapers or such other means as shall
6 seem best to the commission, how many badges will be required to supply the demand to
7 said soldiers and sailors, and report in full to the next general assembly.

DES MOINES, IOWA, January 16, 1882.

To the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

The undersigned, committee appointed by chapter 136, laws of the eighteenth general assembly, would most respectfully report that, with the assistance of Joseph K. Davison, manufacturing jeweler of Philadelphia, we have agreed upon the following as a suitable "Badge of Honor," to be given by the state of Iowa to every soldier who enlisted in the state of Iowa and honorably discharged from the army; and also to every citizen of this state who served in the navy of the United States and was honorably discharged therefrom: A pendant made of bronze-copper, about the size and thickness of a silver dollar, suspended from a bar by a swivel. On one side is the motto, "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain"; in the center and near the lower part of the medal is one large and one small base; on the upper, or smaller base, is the word "Iowa"; underneath the large base, the figures 1861-1865. On the small base stands the goddess of liberty; at her right, and on the ground, stands the infantry soldier, with gun in front, holding same with his left hand, with his cap in his right hand; immediately over, and almost touching the soldier's head, the goddess holds in her right hand a wreath; at her left stands the sailor, at parade rest, with cap in hand; in her left hand she holds a wreath, extended toward the sailor. On the reverse side of the pendant is a wreath surrounding the following inscription: "The State of Iowa to _____ volunteer." The blank is a slightly raised bar, upon which the soldier receiving this badge may have his name engraved. The bar to which the pendant is attached is beautifully chased at either end, and in the center the coat of arms of the state of Iowa; securely fastened to which will be a pin for the purpose of attaching the same to the coat or vest of the wearer.

The committee will produce to the committee on military affairs photographs of the badge. Such badge, when ready for shipment, will not cost to exceed forty cents each.

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