

NUMBER 3.

JOINT RESOLUTION Extending the thanks of the General Assembly of Iowa to Col. Jed Lake for his zeal and ability in defending the Driven Well cases.

WHEREAS, in 1878, Col. Jed Lake, of Independence, Iowa, was employed by the farmers of Buchanan, Blackhawk and several other counties, to defend them in suits that had been commenced in the United States Circuit Court, for infringing the patent, commonly known as the Driven Well patent, and,

WHEREAS, said Lake pursued the defense of said cases, with great vigor and indomitable energy, until by his labor and the skillful presentation of the case, the United States Supreme Court, in November, 1887, held the said patent invalid, and

WHEREAS, by said decision, the people of the State of Iowa have been saved more than a million of dollars, and the people of the United States, more than two millions of dollars, in royalties that would have been exacted by the pretended owners of said patents if the decision had been made sustaining said patent, therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the gratitude and thanks of the people of Iowa, are due to Col. Jed Lake for his skill, ability and perseverance in said cases; and the thanks of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, are hereby tendered to Col. Jed Lake for his labor in behalf of the people of the State.

Resolved, That a duly engrossed copy of these resolutions, signed by the proper officers of the Senate and House of Representatives and the Governor and Secretary of the State with the great seal of the State affixed, be presented to Col. Jed Lake, as a token of our appreciation of his labors.
Feb. 4th, 1888.

NUMBER 4.

JOINT RESOLUTION No. 17. Contemplating the Permanent Retention at the Capital of the State of Iowa, of the Records of the Government Land Office in Des Moines.

WHEREAS, It has been the practice of the general government, upon the final discontinuance of all government land offices in a State, to remove the records of such offices to Washington D. C.

AND, WHEREAS, The best interests of the people of the State of Iowa require, that all records, pertaining to said State, shall be permanently retained at our State Capital; therefore,