

## 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,

*Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives requested to procure, if possible the passage of an act providing for the permanent retention at the Capital of the State, of the records of the government land office in Des Moines, Iowa, whenever the offices of Register and Receiver of said office shall be discontinued by the proper authorities, in pursuance of law. Said records to be turned over to the State of Iowa, and placed under the care and control of the Secretary of State, who shall provide for their safe keeping and proper arrangement as public records.

Approved March 31st, 1888.

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NUMBER 5.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2.

**WHEREAS**, It is the first duty of governments to adopt such policies as will best promote the growth of national power and insure prosperity to the nation and its citizens, and,

**WHEREAS**, One of the means necessary to secure these results permanently is: that the lands of a nation should be owned and possessed by its citizens exclusively, that the income therefrom may be added to the aggregate wealth of the nation, and,

**WHEREAS**, Large amounts of the lands of the nation are owned and controlled by citizens of foreign nations, who owe no allegiance to our government, the income from such lands increasing the wealth of other nations, and the continuance of this evil will result in the introduction of foreign systems of land-lordism thereby oppressing the labor interests of our nation; therefore be it

*Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring:*

That the ownership of lands within the limits of any state or territory of the nation by non-resident aliens is an evil threatening the prosperity of the nation, and vitally affecting the interests of the citizens.

Especially is this true of those who seek to secure homes on the public domain.

And we respectfully ask our Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to have submitted to the states for their action thereon, an amendment to the national constitution, providing that non-resident aliens shall not own, possess or control, either individually or as a member of any company or corporation, any land or real estate within the limits of any state or territory of the nation, and for the equitable extinguishment of all titles now held by non-resident aliens who shall continue to be such after the expiration of six years after the adoption of such amendment.

*Resolved:* That the Secretary of State, be instructed to transmit a certified copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in congress.

April 3rd, 1888.