

Resolved,

Copy to be forwarded. That a copy of this memorial and joint resolution be forwarded by the secretary of state, immediately, to each of our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved, January 22, 1853.

[207] RESOLUTION NO. 11.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

JOINT RESOLUTION, authorizing the secretary of state to forward the code of Iowa to the public libraries in the city of Washington.

Resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Libraries. That the secretary be, and he is hereby authorized and instructed, to forward one copy of the code of Iowa to each of the public libraries in the city of Washington, at the expense of this state.

Approved, January 24, 1853.

RESOLUTION NO. 12.

HOMESTEAD.

PREAMBLE AND JOINT RESOLUTION of instruction upon the homestead bill.

Preamble. Whereas, the preservation of the public liberty and the perpetuity of our free happy form of government are dependent upon the virtue and intelligence of the masses of freeholders of the country; and,

Whereas, a great number of the able bodied inhabitants of the United States are destitute of a permanent home, and of sufficient ready means to procure a sufficiency of land upon which to obtain a certain livelihood for themselves and families; and,

Whereas, the best policy of the National Government is to afford every suitable encouragement for the early settlement and cultivation of her extensive domain, thereby to encourage the industry and promote the comfort of the landless within her borders, bettering the condition of her citizens and improvements of the country; therefore,

Resolved by the House, the Senate concurring therein,

Homestead. That [208] our senators in Congress be instructed, and our representatives be requested, to use their best efforts to procure the passage of some bill, the object of which will be to secure to the honest industry of our country a permanent home, and all the attributes of freedom.

Resolved,

Forward. That the secretary of state be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing to our senators and representatives in Congress.

Approved, January 22, 1853.