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JOINT RESOLUTION to print the eulogies delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives upon the late George S. Houston, a Senator from the State of Alabama.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That twelve thousand copies of the proceedings connected with the funeral of and the eulogies delivered in the Senate and House of Representatives, upon the late GEORGE S. HOUSTON, be printed, eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives and four thousand for the use of the Senate, and that the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay for the expense of procuring a portrait of the late Mr. HOUSTON, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Approved, April 29, 1860.



ANNOUNCEMENT

OF THE

DEATH OF GEORGE S. HOUSTON,

A SENATOR FROM ALABAMA.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1880.

The Chaplain, Rev. J. J. BULLOCK, D. D., offered the following

PRAYER:

Almighty and ever-living God, we bless and adore Thee as our creator, our preserver, and our most bountiful benefactor. We rejoice that Thou art on the throne, and that Thy kingdom ruleth over all. We thank Thee, O God, for Thy manifold blessings to us. Especially do we thank Thee for Thy watchful providence over us since last we met together in this Chamber, and that we are permitted to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of a new year under circumstances of great mercy.

O God, it hath seemed good unto Thee, in Thine inscrutable providence, to remove by the hand of death another member of this venerable body from the scene of his honors, his labors, and his responsibilities into the future and eternal world. We pray that our hearts may be deeply touched by this sad dispensation of Thy Providence, and that we may be reminded of our own mortality and of the necessity of being ever pre-

pared for our departure, for we know not when we shall be called hence. We invoke Thy especial blessing to rest upon the bereaved family of the deceased Senator. Comfort them in the hour of their affliction; bind up the broken-hearted; and may this affliction be sanctified to them.

We invoke Thy blessing to rest upon our rulers, upon the President, the Vice-President, the Senators and Representatives in Congress, and upon all others in authority. May they rule in the fear of God and for the good of our common country. Watch over us during all our appointed time upon earth, choose all our changes for us, be with us in the last sad change that awaits us upon earth, and finally receive us into Thy kingdom above, we ask for Christ our Redeemer's sake. Amen.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. PRESIDENT: I rise for the purpose of making known to the Senate the death of my colleague, Hon. GEORGE S. HOUSTON, of Alabama, who died on the last day of the last year at his home in Athens, Alabama, in the midst of his family and his friends, honored and regretted by all the people of that State. At some other time I shall ask the Senate to consider some resolutions commemorative of the virtues of my late colleague.

At this moment of time it seems to be required of me, as a painful duty, that I should make some contradiction of a statement which was made public on the day of his burial, to the effect that he and I were not on speaking terms—a gentleman for whom I had the highest personal regard, and in whose political opinions and mine there was perfect accord upon all subjects, so far as I am aware. I had received, as I was informed by his family, his most tender and kindly expressions of regard, even up to almost the very hour of his death. He was a noble,

good man, in whose friendship I did sincerely rejoice and whose respect was to me one of the greatest boons of my personal as well as my political life.

Having said this much on that part of the subject, I will now, Mr. President, move that the Senate adjourn.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. Before the Chair puts the question, he desires to State that in the recess of the Senate, assuming that his action would meet the approbation of the Senate, he appointed Mr. MORGAN, Mr. EATON, Mr. ALLISON, Mr. BLAIR, and Mr. COKE as a committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Senator HOUSTON in Alabama, and if his action meets the approbation of the Senate it will be noted upon the Journal. The Chair hears no objection. The question is, Will the Senate now adjourn?

The motion was agreed to; and (at twelve o'clock and thirty-two minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned.

