

Resolutions
on the
Death of Gen. Grant

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**Resolutions on the Death of Gen. Grant,
Passed at a public meeting of
the Citizens of Medina.**

Gen. Grant is dead!

"One of the simple great ones
Gone forever and forever by."

Let the solemn bell toll, let the muffled drum beat, the minute gun be fired. Bring out the trappings of woe; hang the National flag at half mast; drape the country in the habiliments of mourning. Let the dirge be sounded as the funeral march toward the grave begins. Let eloquent tongues and pens recount the story of the brilliant services of the dead hero to his country and mankind. Gen. Grant is dead. He was the support and strength of the Nation in its death-struggle with Rebellion. He whose silence, sagacity, skill the grandest army that was ever marshalled on earth, and finally struck down the Rebellion, and restored peace and prosperity to the country, has gone to

"Join the innumerable caravan
That through the halls of death."

He has vanished from the earth.

WHEREAS, The news of the death of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, though not unexpected, is received with sorrow by the entire Nation, and saddens all hearts as much as the loss of a personal friend. For months the country has stood in his death-chamber and by his death-bed, gathering fresh illustrations of the nobility of his character in the sublime patience and courage with which he bore his sufferings. The same qualities which rendered him conspicuous in the field and in the President's chair; the same modest, unassuming manner; the same determined will which overcame all obstacles; the same forbearance and thoughtfulness of others: the same silent suffering have all been repeated in the bed-chamber of the dying hero. His death became his life. His whole life was noble. His death is an example of how a brave man meets the only foe he cannot conquer. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sorrowing people of Medina, in common with their countrymen in all the length and breadth of the land, have met to give expression to their sense of the great loss which has fallen upon the country and the age by the death of the First Citizen of the Republic, and to put on record this memorial of their appreciation of his inestimable services as a soldier and a statesman, in order that future generations may know that his grand character and glorious deeds were known and valued at their inestimable worth by his contemporaries. Educated by the Country at its National School, he gave proof of his soldierly training and personal courage and ability to lead men in the Mexican War. Afterwards, following the avocations of the farmer and business man, he became identified with the people and learned the value of our civil institutions and grasped the idea of the destiny of a Republican Government untrammelled by the system of human slavery. Thus equipped, when the Rebellion opened he offered his services to his country, willing to take any position where he could give the whole effort and patriotism of one man to support the flag which he loved and honored. Placed in command of a regiment he soon proved his ability for a brigade, and then a division. With an enlarged command he displayed ever-growing capacity and genius for the service, and a corps and a department fell naturally

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to his command. This was the field
where his genius was to shine and elec-
trify the country, and the battle and
victory of Donaldson, with his memora-
ble demand of "Unconditional surren-
der, or I move immediately on your
works!" flashed hope and jubilant cour-
age to the drooping spirits of the North-
ern people. The man had appeared.
The army found a head. Vicksburg,
Lookout Mountain, the Wilderness, and
Appomatox were successive stars rapid-
ly added to the crown of his glory. The
rebel host reeled before his successive
and fast administered blows, and finally
fell crushed and bleeding at his feet.
With a magnanimity unparalleled in
history, he captivated his captured foe
by his humanity and tenderness, and
to-day no sincerer mourners gather
about his funeral train than are those
who were conquered and disarmed and
dismissed to their homes by the Great
Commander. While we are yet too near
the scenes of the great struggle for Na-
tional unity to properly estimate the
services of such a man as Gen. Grant,
yet the present generation begins to see
him in the true light, as one of the
grandest characters that ever adorned
the world's history. He commanded a
larger army than had ever before been
mustered on the earth; directed their
movements, their marches, their bat-
tles over a wider extent of territory
than was ever before covered by mili-
tary manouvers; dressed a line of bat-
tle extending half across the continent;
fought some of the hardest battles of
which History makes mention, and
never once met with defeat. The rec-
ords of the world's history may be
searched in vain to find the peer of
Ulysses S. Grant. He was greater than
Cæsar, Napoleon or Wellington as a
warrior, and as a statesman his memory
will endure as long as justice, equality,
and humanity exist. His fame is secure.
The kings and nobility of the Old World
—the emperors and autocrats of all the
monarchies—have been proud to do him
honor, and the name of Grant is known
and loved and honored in all the spoken
languages of the globe. In that great
future which will review the present
and past history of our country and
give to all the active participants in
public affairs their just and proper
place on the roll of fame, the names of
Washington, Lincoln and Grant will
forever stand at the head of the roll as
the three

—“immortal names
That were not born to die.”

Resolved, That his death comes to us as
a personal loss. His comrades in the
late war have a love and admiration for
their Old Commander which time can-
not dim nor distance lessen. They
mourn him dead as sincerely and sor-
rowfully as they loved him living, and
will always hold his memory green in
their hearts. The people of Medina join
their countrymen to-day in paying the
last sad rites of affection and admira-
tion over the grave of the hero who has
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So let him die with honors crowned,
To live forever in glory;
The fields he won, the land he saved,
Will be his lasting glory.
Oh, mighty Ajax of the North,
Old Field-marshal immortal,
Our saddened hearts with thee to-day
Bow before the darkened portal,