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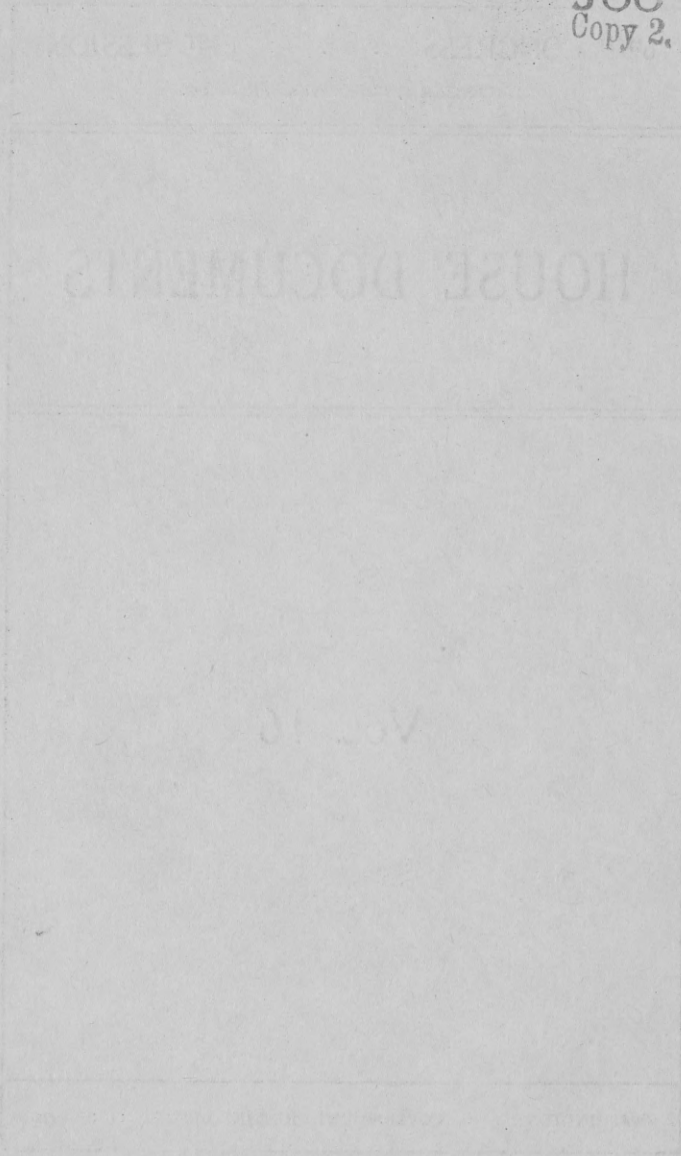
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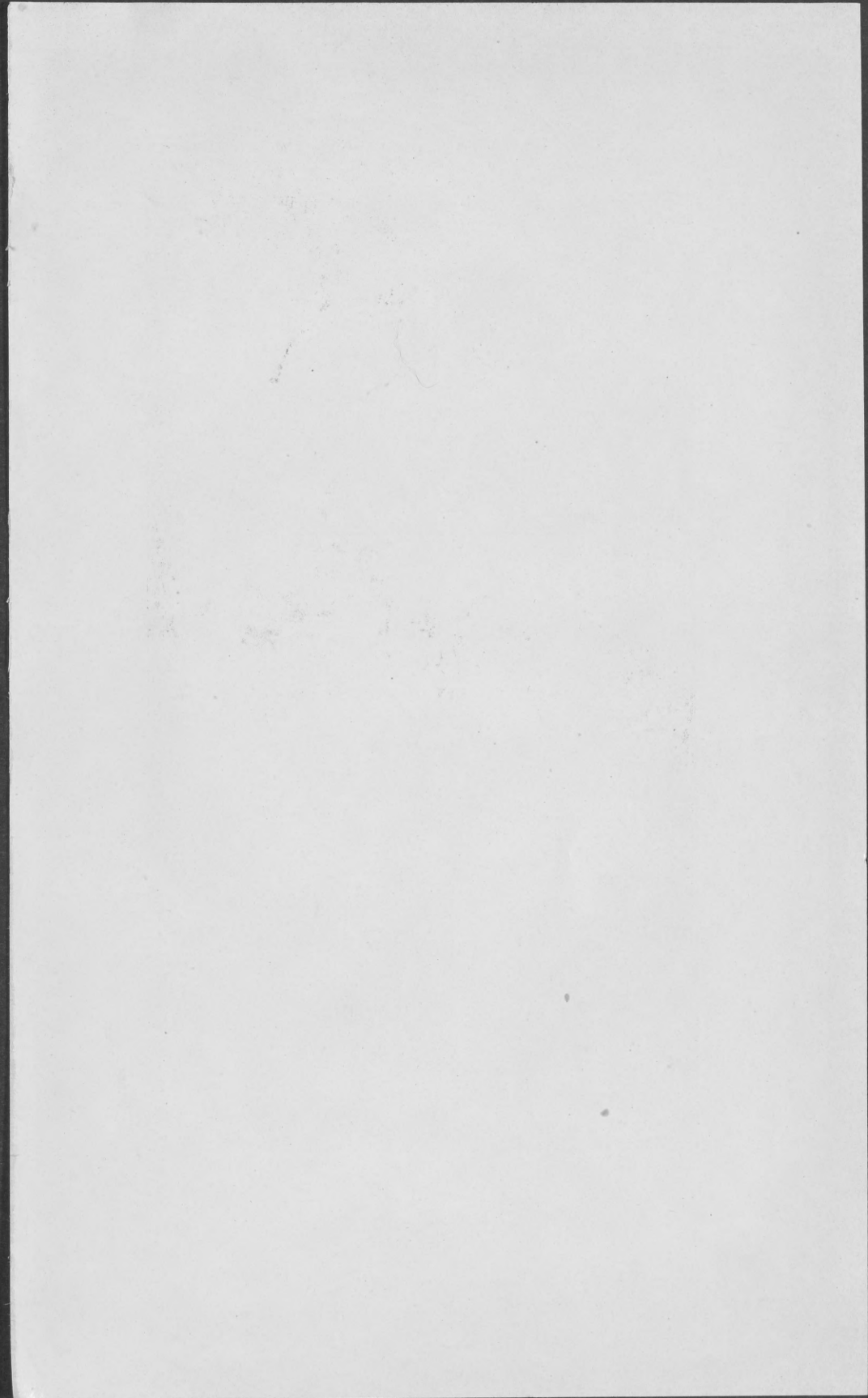
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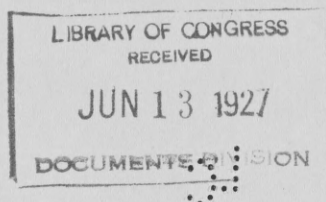
SUBMITTED BY MR. ALMON

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed and bound the proceedings in Congress, together with the proceedings at the unveiling in Statuary Hall, upon the acceptance of the statue of General Joseph Wheeler, presented by the State of Alabama, five thousand copies, of which one thousand shall be for the use of the Senate and two thousand five hundred for the use of the House of Representatives, and the remaining one thousand five hundred copies shall be for the use and distribution of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from the State of Alabama.

The Joint Committee on Printing is hereby authorized to have the copy prepared for the Public Printer, who shall provide suitable illustrations to be bound with these proceedings.

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BERTHOLD NEBEL

THE SCULPTOR

Born in Basle, Switzerland, April 19, 1889. Studied art at the American Academy at Rome and was also a pupil of John Fraser, the well-known American sculptor. He designed the medal for the Bureau of Mines given for rescue and first-aid work and exhibited in Pittsburgh the plaster group, "The Wrestler." His most extensive experience as sculptor was in decorative sculpture in public and private buildings and in the execution of several portrait busts for private parties.

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THURSDAY, *March 12, 1925.*

Representative Edward B. Almon, of the eighth district of Alabama, presided.

The Chaplain of the House of Representatives, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father—unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known—do Thou hear our prayer. We praise Thee for the past that is all glorious with Thy providence. Surely Thou hast stood within the shadows keeping watch upon Thine own. We are grateful that the principles of free Government were condensed in the patriotic devotions of our forefathers. We bless Thee that the finest ideals of free institutions were divinely ordained in the character and services of him whose memory we commemorate to-day. What a luminous page he has written in the volume of our national history! Bless unto us the chivalry of soul, the fervent love of country, and the undaunted spirit of this hero of the Southland. He loved his country, his State, and his home with a heart that was in tune with the best ideals of our civilization. Upon the altar of his homeland he poured a devotion worthy of the bravest and the best. Do Thou, O Lord, bless our beloved country and direct with Thy infinite

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wisdom all the affairs and problems of our Government and people. Forever bless and preserve the great fundamentals, upon which our Republic must rest for its safety and perpetuity. Do Thou continue to make permanent the mighty bulwarks of our Nation's life and character. Again we pray—bless the services of this hour and abide with us throughout all the days of our lives—through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The CHAIRMAN. Ladies and gentlemen, by an act of Congress each State is invited to place in Statuary Hall in the National Capitol the memorial statues of two citizens of such State who may be distinguished and exalted for patriotic service. The people of Alabama through its legislature have decided that the distinguished services, both in war and in peace, of Gen. Joseph Wheeler entitle him to this tribute of affectionate appreciation, and that there should be erected to his memory a statue of bronze in Statuary Hall.

The committee appointed to procure the statue has discharged its duty, and the statue is now ready for unveiling and presentation. Miss Julia Wheeler Harris, the daughter of Senator and Mrs. William J. Harris, of Georgia, and granddaughter of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, will now unveil the statue.

(Miss Julia Wheeler Harris thereupon unveiled the statue.)

A photograph was then taken of the statue, grouped around which were Senator and Mrs. Harris; Col. Joseph Wheeler, United States Army, son of General Wheeler; Miss Julia Wheeler Harris; Representatives from the State of Alabama; and others.)

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE ALMON



Ladies and gentlemen: We regret exceedingly that the Governor of Alabama is not here to make the speech of presentation for the State of Alabama. I am in receipt of the following telegram from Gov. William W. Brandon explaining why he could not attend these exercises:

I regret I can not attend the presentation of the Wheeler statue. I have an important engagement here the 12th, vital to the State. I authorize you to act in all things for me and the State of Alabama in the presentation of the statue of our distinguished statesman and soldier. Trust the ceremonies will be marked with that degree of patriotism which characterized his useful life to the Nation and State.

Now, by direction of the Governor of Alabama, I present to the United States this bronze statue of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, which is done by authority of a resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Legislature of Alabama. Wheeler was trusted, honored, and loved by the people of Alabama for his splendid character and distinguished service as a citizen and soldier, and the placing of his statue in this pantheon of the Nation is a token of their appreciation of him.

Alabama has not been in a hurry to occupy the second and last place assigned her in this hall. In selecting Wheeler she has been mindful of her obligation to consider with justice all of her dis-

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tinguished citizens, many of whom could stand here as peers among the foremost of the Republic.

Joseph Wheeler, soldier and statesman, youngest son of Joseph and Julia Hull Wheeler, was born at Augusta, Ga., September 10, 1836. He was graduated from West Point in 1859, was promoted to lieutenant, United States Army, in the Cavalry arm of the service, and served in Kansas and New Mexico in several scouting expeditions against the Indians. On February 27, 1861, he resigned his commission as an officer in the United States Army and on April 3, 1861, was appointed a first lieutenant of artillery in the Confederate Army.

Notwithstanding his youth, being but 24 years of age, and his still more youthful appearance, he soon earned the confidence and respect of his commanders, and on September 4, 1861, he was commissioned colonel of the Nineteenth Alabama Infantry. He commanded a brigade at the Battle of Shiloh, April 6 and 7, 1862, and was preeminently distinguished from the first to the close of the battle. General Bragg complimented his skillful maneuvers and determined gallantry, which very largely contributed to the capture of Major General Prentiss and his division, together with much of the division of Major General Wallace. General Bragg in his official report spoke of "the noble service of Col. Joseph Wheeler," and by his order Wheeler was designated to command the rear guard when at the close of the second day's fighting the Confederate Army retired from the field.

This bloody battle was the commencement of the career of this brave young officer. General Chalmers in his report of the battle spoke of Wheeler

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in very high terms and commended "his gallantry in leading a charge and bearing the colors of his command."

Major General Withers, his division commander, in his report of the Battle of Shiloh says:

Wheeler proved himself worthy of all trust and confidence, a gallant commander and accomplished soldier.

Gen. Basil W. Duke's History of Morgan's Command says:

General Wheeler possessed in an eminent degree all the attributes of the gentleman. He was as brave as a paladin, just, high-toned, and exceedingly courteous, full of fire and enterprise, vigilant and energetic, thoroughly instructed in the duties of his profession, and perfectly conversant with the elaborate details of organization and military business.

General Duke also speaks of "his eminent fitness as the commander of a large body of cavalry permanently attached to the army."

And Gen. Robert E. Lee, in speaking of the most noted commanders, said:

The two ablest cavalry officers which the war developed were General Stuart, of Virginia, and Gen. Joseph Wheeler, of the Army of Tennessee.

General Wheeler bore a prominent part in the great Battle of Shiloh, Farmington, the fights around Corinth, the Battles of Perryville, Murfreesboro, Tullahoma, and Chickamauga, the battles preceding and incident to the siege of Knoxville, the Battles of Ringgold, Rocky Face, Dalton, Resaca, Adairsville, Cassville, New Hope, Dallas, Pickett's Mill, the various battles around Kenesaw Mountain, the Battles of Peach Tree Creek, Chattahoochee, and Decatur, the battles around Atlanta, the siege of Savannah, and the Battles of

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Averysboro and Bentonville. Besides engaging in these great battles and being under fire in over 400 skirmishes, General Wheeler commanded in more than a hundred battles, many of which, considering the numbers engaged, were the most severe recorded in the history of cavalry. Always in the front of battle, he was wounded 3 times, 16 horses were shot under him, 8 of his staff officers were killed and 32 wounded. From 1861 to the surrender of 1865, rising from lieutenant to lieutenant general, brave, skillful, enduring, and full of energy and dash, it was to him four years of work, adventure, romance, and heroism.

In 1866 General Wheeler was married to Daniello, a daughter of Richard Jones, whose father, Harrison Jones, was wounded, losing a leg at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. Her mother was a daughter of Governor Early, of Georgia, who comes from an Irish family of very distinguished lineage. Mrs. Wheeler died May 19, 1896. There were born to General and Mrs. Wheeler four daughters—Lucy, who died at the old home place at Wheeler, Ala., December 25, 1924; Annie Early, who was a volunteer with Clara Barton and distinguished herself by organizing, equipping, and superintending the Yacht Club Hospital at Santiago, Cuba, during the months of July, August, and September, 1898, and who now resides at the old home at Wheeler, Ala.; Julia Knox, wife of Senator William J. Harris, of Georgia; and Carrie Payton, the wife of Gorden M. Buck, of New York City. Two sons were also born to General and Mrs. Wheeler—Joseph, a graduate of West Point, performed distinguished service in the Battles of San Juan and Santiago in the Spanish War, and

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afterwards as a major he won distinction in 20 battles or minor engagements in the Philippines. He is now a colonel in the Regular United States Army. Thomas served as a midshipman, United States Navy, in the Santiago Squadron during the Cuban war and was drowned September 7, 1898, at Montauk Point, Long Island, in an attempt to rescue a brother officer.

General Wheeler was of sterling character, a true and loyal friend, a fond and loving father and husband. He and his family have been my good friends for many years, and I am glad of an opportunity to be present and take part in these exercises.

The brilliant military record of General Wheeler is unique in many respects. He was first an officer of the United States Army, a distinguished cavalry general in the Confederate Army, and afterwards a major general in the United States Volunteers. His last service being for the Union was as distinguished as that while in the Confederate Army, thereby contributing much to the healing of the breach between the South and the North. He enjoyed the distinction of defending his native city, Augusta, Ga., and kept it from being taken by the Union Army. He was 10 times elected as a Democrat to Congress from the eighth district of Alabama, his first election being to the Forty-seventh Congress. I have had the honor to represent that district for the past 10 years.

General Wheeler and William McKinley were good friends and served together as members of the Ways and Means Committee of the House. He was afterwards, while a Member of the House and at the beginning of the Spanish-American War,

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commissioned major general, United States Volunteers, by President McKinley, May 4, 1898, and was assigned to command the Cavalry Division, United States Army, at Tampa, Fla., May 14, 1898. He landed at Daiquiri, Cuba, June 23, 1898; planned and commanded at the Battle of Las Guasimas, June 24, 1898; engaged in the Battle of San Juan, July 1-2, 1898; and was in command of the Cavalry Division, Fifth Corps, in Cuba, from June 22 to the surrender of Santiago, July 17, 1898. General Wheeler was commended in general orders of July 4, 1898, Fifth Army Corps, for conduct in battle. He engaged, being in command of Cavalry Division, in all the conflicts in front of Santiago, which terminated in the surrender of the Spanish Army and the city of Santiago July 17, 1898.

Gen. William T. Sherman was very emphatic in commending General Wheeler's high qualities, and often repeated:

That in the event of war with a foreign country, Gen. Joe Wheeler was the man to command the Cavalry of our Army.

President Roosevelt was warm in praise of General Wheeler's services in Cuba, and gave him credit for much of our success in that campaign, and especially for his bold and determined stand against retreating from San Juan Hill.

In his history of the Rough Rider Regiment, which he commanded in Cuba, President Roosevelt, in speaking of the events on the night of the Battle of San Juan, July 1, 1898, says:

A very few words from General Wheeler reassured us about retiring. He had been through too much heavy fighting in the Civil War to regard the present fight as very serious, and he told us not to be under any appre-

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hension, for he had sent word that there was no need whatever of retiring and was sure we could stay where we were until the chance came to advance. He was second in command, and to him more than any other one man was due the prompt abandonment of the proposal to fall back—a proposal which, if adopted, would have meant shame and disaster.

Shortly afterwards General Wheeler sent us orders to intrench.

In speaking of the fight of Las Guasimas, in which General Wheeler commanded, President Roosevelt said:

General Wheeler was in command ashore; he was told to get in touch with the enemy, and being a man with the "fighting edge," this meant that he was certain to fight. No general who was worth his salt would have failed to fight under such conditions; the only question would be as to how the fight was to be made. War means fighting; and the soldier's cardinal sin is timidity. General Wheeler remained throughout steadfast against any retreat from before Santiago.

General Shafter's order to the Santiago army, dated July 4, 1898, upon the Battle of San Juan, says:

To Major General Wheeler, of the Cavalry Division, was probably given the most difficult task, that of crossing a stream under fire and deploying under the enemy's rifle pits. These he almost immediately charged and carried in the most gallant manner, driving the enemy from his strong positions to the shelter of the stronger works in the rear. This was only accomplished by the most persevering and arduous efforts, officers and men exposing themselves to the deadly fire of the Spanish troops.

General Kent's official report of San Juan battle says:

I desire, in conclusion, to express my gratitude to Major General Wheeler for his courteous conduct to me, and through me to my division, under the trying circumstances

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enumerated. Though ill and suffering, General Wheeler was so perfectly at home under fire that he inspired all of us with courage.

After his retirement from active service in the United States Army on September 10, 1900, General Wheeler made his first trip to Europe. He took great pleasure in attending the maneuvers of the French Army in 1901 and in visiting the battle fields of Napoleon. He was very much pleased with England, where his reception was the most cordial and where he formed a friendship with Field Marshal Lord Roberts, whom he much admired.

During the winter of 1904-5 he spent several months in Mexico, where every honor was shown him, and the friendship then formed with President Diaz was one of the pleasantest features of his later years.

The following winter, while visiting his sister in Brooklyn, he was stricken with pleurisy. At first his condition did not appear to be dangerous, but on the third day pneumonia developed and on the seventh day, Thursday, January 25, 1906, he died.

During his last days the gentleness and sweetness of his disposition changed not at all, and even as death approached he thought only of others and not of himself.

At most times his mind was quite clear, but at others it wandered back and he heard the bugle call and the battle cry.

From many lands came messages of sympathy and sorrow, and from his mother country every high tribute of love, honor, and reverence to the memory of her son.

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The following Sunday the escort presented arms as the casket of the dead soldier, draped with the Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars entwined, was borne forth and placed upon the caisson, followed by the riderless horse.

Between two long lines of people standing with uncovered heads the procession moved to the service at the Church of St. Thomas in New York.

Thence the body was taken to St. John's Church in Washington and lay in state, with a guard of honor, till Monday afternoon, when the service was held, attended by the Chief Executive and other principal officers of the Government.

Then the escort of blue and of gray took up the march for the grave at Arlington, where the bugle sounded its last call and the rifles rang out their last salute for Joseph Wheeler.

A beautiful towering marble shaft near the Robert E. Lee home in the Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River in view of the Capitol of the Nation, marks the last resting place of "Fighting Joe" Wheeler. Probably no grave in that great, beautiful, and historic cemetery is visited by more people or is the recipient of more beautiful floral tributes than that of General Wheeler. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. It affords me pleasure to present Hon. Henry B. Steagall, Representative in Congress from the third Alabama district, who will now address you.

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE STEAGALL



Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: I deem it a high honor to be invited to participate in these exercises and, as a Representative in Congress from the third congressional district of Alabama, to voice the sentiments of the people of that district, as well as of the entire State, in paying tribute to the illustrious career of the great soldier and statesman whose memory we attempt to honor to-day.

General Wheeler was born in Georgia, but he lived in Alabama during the period of his life when the greater part of his service was rendered. So the people of Alabama and of Georgia take chiefest pride in the rich legacy left by his splendid service to his State and to the Nation, but his fame belongs to the South, to the United States, and to the world. His deeds of dauntless daring, his marvelous courage, his self-sacrifice, his devotion to duty, his spectacular leadership in the armies of the Confederacy, and later under the Nation's flag in Cuba, constitute a career that must form one of the brightest and most fascinating pages in human history. He is one of the outstanding military figures of all time.

Being firmly fixed in faith in the fundamentals of our Government, though a graduate of West Point, holding a commission as lieutenant in the Cavalry of the United States, he, like the immortal Lee, believed that his first duty was to the State

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that gave him birth. So when the dread conflict of the sixties was begun, he surrendered his commission in the Army of the United States and cast his lot with the armies of the Confederacy. He turned his back on the richest Government beneath the sun to fight for the flag of a new nation, without a treasury, and offered his life upon the altar of State rights and local self-government, guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, without regard to the effect of his action upon his personal fortunes in the years to come. He was made lieutenant in the forces of the Confederacy and was soon commissioned colonel of the Nineteenth Alabama Infantry. He led a brigade at the Battle of Shiloh and at once won distinction for superb gallantry and splendid leadership. In 1863 he was commissioned major general. He commanded in more than a hundred battles before the close of the conflict and the period of his command was marked by a continuous series of victories that meant much in the great struggle and won for him the frequent plaudits of President Davis, General Lee, and other leaders of the Confederacy. He was wounded 3 times, 8 of his staff officers were killed by his side, 32 were wounded, and 16 horses were shot down under him. Such a record is almost without parallel in the history of warfare. He was a fighting general, always at the front, where danger was greatest, leading his men and inspiring them by his own valor.

In every struggle in which the Nation has engaged, beginning with the War for Independence, and down to this good hour, the sons of the South have played a part that has shed luster upon

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American arms. But not in any contest with a foreign foe could there be found a real test of the heroism and courage of Southern soldiers. It was only when matched against their own kin and kind, commanded by Americans, that the sons of the South found opportunity to show their real quality and to offer the world its sublimest exhibition of heroism and courage. History affords no parallel to the dauntless devotion and unfaltering courage of the half-fed, half-clothed, and poorly equipped followers of the immortal Lee and Jackson and other leaders of the Confederacy who for four long years fought on and on against the overpowering numbers of the North, with nothing to look forward to save death and defeat. [Applause.]

I believe history will declare, when all passion and prejudice have passed away and the whole truth shall be told, that, had they fought against any other race or any other flag, they would have written victory at last upon the banners of the Confederacy. [Applause.]

In the field of statesmanship the sons of the South have borne their part with like distinction and rendered imperishable service to the Nation and its destiny. But, great as was the service of the statesmen of the South in kindling the fires of the Revolution which led to our independence, in writing our Constitution, and in laying the foundations of our great Republic, it may be truly said that statesmanship encountered its greatest task in the problems thrust upon the stricken people of the South during the period following the Civil War. But the soldiers of the Confederacy, returning to a land of ruin, to find their homes devas-

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tated, their property gone, industry crushed, credit gone, and their governments in the hands of aliens and ignorant negroes fresh from slavery and wholly unfitted for the responsibilities of citizenship, without the loss of a day or an hour, set about the work of rehabilitation. Opposed by Federal bayonets and a horde of ignorant voters vastly greater in number, quietly, peaceably, without bloodshed, they took charge of their local governments, reestablished public credit, and restored orderly civilization in the States of the South with a success that became the marvel of the world. History furnishes no parallel to this exhibition of the fitness of a great people for the exercise of the inalienable right of self-government.

When the armies of the Confederacy went down in defeat General Wheeler, with the same courage that had characterized his conduct on the field of battle, accepted bravely and without murmur the result of the conflict and went back home to engage in the struggle to bring order out of chaos, to free his people from misrule and usurpation, and to set his State once more on the glad highway of peace and happiness. Bright and glorious as is the record of General Wheeler in war, it can never be more beautiful or resplendent than his service to his State during the period of reconstruction.

General Wheeler fought for the preservation of the Constitution in its original integrity and force, and I but voice the sentiment of the thoughtful statesmen of America when I declare that 99 per cent of the serious ills that confront the American people are the result of departure from the fundamental principles of our Government for which General Wheeler and the other heroic sons of the

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South struggled so bravely during the conflict of the sixties. [Applause.] There is not an ill that besets us that can not be remedied nor a problem that challenges the statesmanship of this hour that can not be solved successfully by the application of the great principles of local self-government, State sovereignty, and the recognition of constitutional rights for which the people of the South fought so bravely and well. [Applause.]

General Wheeler was one of the heroic few along the upward pathway of humanity who have held aloft the light of liberty. It is to them and their labors—the principles hallowed by their sacrifices—to which a distressed world is turning for hope and guidance in the struggle toward brighter and happier things.

Not gold, but only men
Can make a people great and strong,
Brave men, who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long;
Brave men, who work while others sleep,
Who dare when others fly—
These build the Nation's temple deep,
And lift its pillars to the sky.

[Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. I now take pleasure in presenting to you Hon. William B. Oliver, Representative in Congress from the sixth district of Alabama.

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE OLIVER



Mr. Chairman and fellow countrymen: These exercises express the deep admiration and affectionate esteem, not only of the people of Alabama but of the Nation for a soldier, a statesman, a citizen, who did his duty always with "conscientious solicitude." My distinguished colleagues, Mr. Almon and Mr. Steagall, who have just spoken, partially reviewed from memory and from history the remarkable life and achievements of this illustrious American, and though the field of his activities is so abundantly rich and broad as to urge a further recital of his individual accomplishments, yet the time limits of this occasion admonish me that I must be content with merely a brief reference to some of the outstanding factors that entered into his greatness.

He was a man of force and vision, of faithfulness and courtesy, of boldness and of self-restraint, of initiative and enthusiasm; a man of superior guidance and inspiration. He possessed in abundant measure those qualities of mind and heart which preeminently fitted him for the high places of responsibility that he held in war and in peace. In addition to these qualities, he had the rare gift of winning and holding the affections not only of those with whom he was associated or merely came in passing contact with but he won the love and loyalty of thousands who had never

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seen him. For in his latter years how eagerly vast numbers of people from every section of our common country read everything written by him or about him, and they loved him ever thereafter as fervently as did those who knew him at home. If the editorials, telegrams, letters, and memorial addresses that followed his passing in 1905 could be collected and published, what a rich fund of information they would supply for some future historian.

"Nothing is truer," says an old philosopher, "than that the good and experienced man is the last measure of all things," and now Alabama, in the spirit of an intelligent manhood, is by this ceremony inviting the present and all future generations to turn and recall the life and service of Gen. Joseph Wheeler, to read and reflect on what he did in his day and generation for the family, for the community, for the State, for the Nation. Follow him into the home, go with him into the halls of the National Congress, tread with him the paths of martial duty and success. You will not, it is true, find him without some human faults, but you may safely ask yourself, where, in all history, will be found a higher, purer, better, nobler example of virtue, courage, patriotism, and Christian character than is recorded of him whose memory we honor to-day?

There is no sphere of public life, in war or peace, where he served in which he was not eminent, nor of private life in which he was not influential and beloved. He was preeminently a man of strong convictions, who saw clearly, reasoned fearlessly, and never hesitated to follow where duty led the way. All his thoughts, his impulses, and his

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actions from the time he grew to manhood were for the best interests of the country that gave him birth. In scientific and literary attainments he stands high among the learned men of our country, and his papers and writings show an extensive research and profound knowledge. To know and properly appraise his vision, accuracy, completeness, versatility, energy, and industry one need only read his Military History of Alabama, his later History of the Santiago Campaign, and four speeches made by him in Congress on the subjects, Federal courts, justice to Mexican War heroes, vindication of Gen. Fitz-John Porter, and internal revenue and tariff bill of 1888.

Truly it can be said of him that he has indelibly traced his life upon the Book of Time in characters so luminous that they shine and glow to-day and will forever.

May I say, in conclusion, that while our mission here to-day is truly a labor of love, yet it is in a sense an unnecessary one? Gen. Joseph Wheeler needs no bronze statue here, nor memorial elsewhere to perpetuate his memory. That is one thing that can never grow dim. It is more enduring than bronze, more storm-defying than granite, and will serve to animate with noble purpose generations yet unborn. For a great life such as he lived is never lost, never lived in vain, but it will pulsate through all the ages to inspire American youth in crises now undreamed of.

What was said of another great American is equally true of him:

So long as patriotism, good citizenship, faithfulness to domestic virtues, devotion to official duties, and broadest human charity and kindness are prized, so long will

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Joseph Wheeler's life and example be an inspiration, and so long will his memory be a benediction.

He is one—

Of those immortal dead who live again
In minds made better by his presence; live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search
To vaster issues.

[Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. I now take pleasure in presenting another of my colleagues, Representative John McDuffie, of the first district of Alabama.

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE McDUFFIE



Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen: As one of the Representatives of the people of Alabama, the State which proudly claims General Wheeler and seeks to honor him to-day, I deem it a great privilege to take part in the exercises of this hour, and yet nothing we might say here to-day could add to the illustrious name and everlasting fame of this truly great man.

As has been already suggested, probably no one did more than this distinguished Alabamian to bridge the broad chasm of bitterness that once existed between the two great sections of our common country. Nothing did so much in bringing about a reunion of the hearts and souls of the sons of the South with the sons of the North as did the genuine patriotism and splendid leadership of General Wheeler when he volunteered to defend the flag he had fought and went hand in hand with Frederick Grant to free the Spanish slave at Santiago.

The brave are ever ready to forget and forgive the differences of the past. General Wheeler was brave. He had shed his blood on countless fields of battle for principles which he and his proud people deemed just and right, principles as everlasting as the hills. Issues which drew him into the conflict were settled at the end of four terrible years of lurid warfare, settled by the arbitrament

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of the sword. He accepted the result as a great soldier must always do, and without reservation renewed his allegiance to the Stars and Stripes. With a courage that was surpassing and a heart that was stout, he then reconsecrated his useful life to the reclamation of that section he loved so well.

I received a few moments ago the expression of some sweet singer of long ago who has set to verse his conception of this great military genius and leader as he appeared at the heights of Santiago. Unmindful of the dangers of disease and death as they lurked about him, General Wheeler never flinched nor faltered. Unselfish to a superlative degree, he never forgot the comfort of those who were always willing to follow him to the front lines. I have been requested to read the following verses on this occasion.

WHEELER AT SANTIAGO

Into the thick of the fight he went, pallid and sick and
wan,
Borne in an ambulance to the front, a ghostly wisp of a
man;
But the fighting soul of a fighting man, approved in the
long ago,
Went to the front in that ambulance in the body of
Fighting Joe.

Out from the front they were coming back, smitten of
Spanish shells—
Wounded boys from the Vermont hills and the Alabama
dells.
“Put them into this ambulance; I’ll ride to the front,” he
said;
And he climbed to the saddle and rode right on, that little
old ex-Confed.

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From end to end of the long blue ranks rose up the ring-
ing cheers,
And many a powder-blackened face was furrowed with
sudden tears,
As with flashing eyes and gleaming sword and hair and
beard of snow,
Into the hell of shot and shell rode little old Fighting Joe.

Sick with fever and racked with pain, he could not stay
away,
For he heard the song of the yesteryears in the deep-
mouthed cannon's bay—
He heard in the calling song of the guns there was work
for him to do,
Where his country's best blood splashed and flowed 'round
the old Red, White, and Blue.

Fevered body and hero heart! This Union's heart to you
Beats out in love and reverence; and to each dear boy in
blue
Who stood or fell 'mid the shot and shell and cheered in
the face of the foe,
As, wan and white, to the heart of the fight rode little old
Fighting Joe.

The memory of Gen. Joseph Wheeler is the common heritage not only of Alabamians, not only of Georgia, his native State, not only of the South, but, indeed, it is the heritage of the American people. So long as appreciation of valor, fidelity to duty, love of humanity, and genuine patriotism remain amongst the chief characteristics of the American heart so long will the memory of this man live. Fearless and faithful, brave as a warrior, unselfish and patriotic in civil and political life, the name of Joe Wheeler will go down through the ages as that of a great national figure and an outstanding American of his day and generation. [Applause.]

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The CHAIRMAN. The eloquent words of the Representatives of every part of Alabama are greatly appreciated. Mr. Steagall, the first speaker, comes from the southeastern part of the State and from the district formerly represented by Judge Henry D. Clayton; Mr. Oliver from the Tuscaloosa district; and Mr. McDuffie from the Mobile district. I am sure that in paying tribute to the services and record of Gen. Joe Wheeler they are doing no more than expressing the views of their constituents, many of whom knew General Wheeler during the days of the Civil War and the Spanish War and would be glad of an opportunity to be here on this occasion. I now take pleasure in presenting Representative Lamar Jeffers, of the fourth district of Alabama.

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Mr. Chairman and friends: I will detain you but a few moments. I wish to say that I am indeed thankful that it is my high privilege, representing the people of the fourth congressional district of Alabama, to take part in the ceremonies upon this occasion when we pay tribute to the memory of that great soldier and statesman, Gen. Joseph Wheeler. It is indeed an historic occasion, my friends, and one which will be a bright page in history for our children and our children's children forever.

In studying the life of this great man it seems to me that his unselfishness, which has just been referred to by Mr. McDuffie, and the sweetness of his character stand out even above all his many other most admirable qualities.

I want to refer just here to a letter which he wrote to his soldiers, the spirit of which is indicative of his pure unselfishness. It is dated August 5, 1864, and was written near Atlanta. Let me say that it has always struck me as being particularly interesting that a great part of General Wheeler's activities was upon the soil of his own native State, the State of Georgia.

In this letter to his command he said:

Soldiers: The major general commanding thanks his command for the energy and determined gallantry displayed in their recent operations. The foiling of a most stupendous effort on the part of the enemy to destroy our country is due to your valor and patriotism. During the

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present campaign you have captured or killed a number of the enemy equal to your own strength. You have defeated him in every action in which you have engaged, captured his cannon, colors, and arms. Your great commander, General Hood, appreciates your services.

Stand together, my brave soldiers; continue your good conduct, and the lasting gratitude of your country will be your reward.

JOSEPH WHEELER, *Major General.*

He pays his tribute in his letter not only to the valor of the soldiers under his own command but also mentions the greatness of General Hood. His self-effacement stands out here, as in all the record of his life.

Reference has already been made to what Gen. Robert E. Lee said concerning General Wheeler's extraordinary capability as a cavalry officer. The high spots of his career are too numerous to attempt to enumerate them at this time.

He was the ideal cavalry commander, a giant in heart, and we can imagine his graceful figure dashing down his lines like a ray of light, giving utterance in ringing tones to that command for which he was famous, "Come on, boys!" Nothing could possibly be more inspiring to soldiers in the ranks than the presence on the field of a leader like that. He was known as "Fighting Joe Wheeler," the beloved commander who never sought to command or urge his men to go where he himself was not always ready and more than willing to lead. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. I now take pleasure in presenting the youngest member of our delegation from Alabama, Hon. Miles C. Allgood, who represents the Gadsden district, which was ably represented for many years by the late John L. Burnett.

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE ALLGOOD



Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen: The name "Joe Wheeler" is a household word in Alabama. We loved Wheeler in his lifetime, and we love his memory to-day. Often it is the case that the heroes of our childhood fade away as we come to maturity; but to-day marks a striking contrast to this rule in the life of one whom in childhood I worshiped as a hero. As the years have come and gone his heroic deeds have become magnified, until he is not alone the hero of the State of Alabama or a section, but of a nation.

Many men from Blount County, Ala., which is my home, joined General Wheeler's command, among whom were my father and three of my uncles. My mother's brother, A. J. Ingram, rose to the rank of major under his command; and many are the times I have heard him live over again the daring deeds of "Fighting Joe" Wheeler.

General Wheeler knew how to take men who were not soldiers and make soldiers out of them. He knew how to inspire confidence in their souls which caused them to follow him into the very strongholds of an enemy that often greatly outnumbered his own forces.

His marked military ability and strategy place his name high among the leaders of the generals of the world of all ages. However, with his

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military honors we of Alabama are not content; for during reconstruction Joe Wheeler again came to the forefront with his leadership, and with his steady, untiring, quiet, and unostentatious activities as a Representative in Congress, he aided in a large measure in restoring national confidence in our Government.

The people of this Nation were thrilled in 1898 when he volunteered his services in the war against Spain. This one act did more to blot out sectionalism and heal up the wounds between the North and South than had been accomplished by legislation in a quarter of a century; for with Joe Wheeler fighting in 1898 under the flag against which he had fought in 1865, there were rekindled throughout the Nation the fires of a new patriotism; and well might the poet say:

“Together!” shouts Niagara his thunder-toned decree;
“Together!” echo back the waves upon the Mexic sea;
“Together!” sing the sylvan hills where old Atlantic roars;
“Together!” boom the breakers on the wild Pacific shores;
“Together!” cry the people—and “together” still shall be,
An everlasting charter-bond forever for the free;
Of liberty the signal-seal, the one eternal sign,
Be those united emblems, the Palmetto and the Pine.

[Applause.]

Representative OLIVER. Mr. Chairman, we have with us to-day Mr. Horace C. Carlisle, of Alabama, who recently published a book entitled “Poems of Purpose,” which has been well received by discriminating readers. A few days since he penned a tribute to the statesman and hero whom we to-day honor, in three short stanzas—the first letters

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of each line spelling "General Wheeler, Alabama"—which I hope Mr. Carlisle will be requested to read.

The CHAIRMAN. Mr. Carlisle will please come to the front. We shall be delighted, Mr. Carlisle, if you will read the poem suggested by Mr. Oliver.

READING BY MR. HORACE C. CARLISLE

ALABAMA STATESMAN IN STATUARY HALL

Gratitude grows for the great and the glorious,
Even the more, with the passing of years—
Nothing save death, over life is victorious,
Ending its tasks, be they loved or laborious,
Ridding its soul of all sorrow and fears—
And, with the passing of peril and pain,
Life, laid aside, lives in splendor again.

When down the centuries, far in futurity,
History's pages shall perish, unsought;
Even this statue shall stand in its purity,
Emblem of loyalty, love, and security,
Long to ennoble mankind in its thought—
Each statue, standing in Statuary Hall,
Raises the hopes and the aims of us all.

And the great Southland, with perfect propriety,
Loyal to principles, settled by wars;
Aiding the Union, in times of anxiety,
By men and means, won renewed notoriety,
As she defended the Stripes and the Stars—
Mindful, the Union now answers her call,
And places Wheeler in Statuary Hall.

[Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. I now present to you the junior Senator from Tennessee, General Tyson, of Knoxville, a life-long friend of General Wheeler, a brigadier general during the recent World War, with a very distinguished record, who suffered the greatest loss of his whole life, no doubt, in the death of his only son on the battle field in France.

ADDRESS BY SENATOR TYSON



Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen: I did not expect to be here to-day, but I am very glad that I have the opportunity of being here. I consider it one of the greatest honors of my life that I am permitted to participate in these exercises.

I regret that I have not had the opportunity to hear the addresses that have been made, except a short part of the last one; but, ladies and gentlemen, I feel that this is one of the greatest occasions that can happen in our great country.

Think of the significance of this wonderful occasion and this beautiful hall! Think of the spirits of the great men of our country that are looking down upon this scene to-day! Think of all of the assembled wisdom represented by the men whose statues have been placed here by the various States to represent the best that is in our country; and think of the great honor, the wonderful distinction, that it is to have a sovereign State select a man to represent all that is great in it and to have his statue placed here for all time!

My friends, I can not say much to-day. I have not prepared an address. I feel entirely unable, in so far as I shall be able to express my feelings, to do justice to this great occasion; but I had the honor of having this great man for my personal friend. I knew him not as a soldier alone, but I knew him as a statesman, and later in the Spanish-

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American War, where I had the honor to serve, as he did.

I want to say that the first recollection of my life of a general officer, the first great man of the great Civil War that I have known, that comes to me, is that as a little boy, just about 3 years of age, I got up one morning on my father's farm in North Carolina, where I was born, and they said at that time that Wheeler's cavalry had been through the night before. He was there at that very late day, in the latter part of April, 1865, still fighting the enemy and trying to bring victory to the cause of the Southern Confederacy. He was one of the very last of all the generals to surrender the great cause for which he had fought so long and so valiantly; and, my friends, when I look at this magnificent statue of this great man I feel that Alabama has done herself proud to have selected him to represent her here for all time in this the greatest company, perhaps, that is to be found in any place in all the world.

Think of it! Standing here with Washington, the very first, great President, and all these other great men that have come on during all of these years, and Frances Willard and these great women, too. Think of it—being considered great enough to stand in this great company representing such a great State as Alabama! Alabama has had great men. She has sent great men to the Halls of Congress. She has had distinguished men to fight in the great battles of our country; but think of what this man did! Here was a man of whom it may be said that he had been in all the walks of life. He had had distinction in every way. He had had distinction in the same way that

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Washington had it. Few men have had distinction in all the various walks of life. Washington is one of the few men in our great country who had it. But think of a man who was great in war, great in peace, and great in the hearts of his countrymen! That is Joe Wheeler. You know it, and nothing can ever take that from him.

I am proud of the fact that I had the honor of being educated at the same academy where he was educated. The great principles that were there inculcated into his mind and heart and soul lived throughout his life. He went into the Confederacy, as you know; he was one of the very first men to resign from the Army and offer his services to the Confederacy; and let me say to you that in my judgment—and I have studied the Civil War to a certain extent—Joe Wheeler was one of the greatest generals of that war. He covered more territory, fought in more States, was in more battles, perhaps, than any other man who fought in the Confederate Army as a general officer. [Applause.]

There were 800 skirmishes when he was under fire. I have been under fire myself, ladies and gentlemen, and if you have not been under fire you will not realize all that it means; but think of that man being under fire in skirmishes eight hundred times and two hundred times when he commanded a large force of men in battle! Show me a like example; and when I say that I realize what I am saying. He fought in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina. What other general of the great war covered so much territory? None, so far as I know.

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He was a great man, a great soldier, and his heart was filled with all the patriotism and love of his country that has ever been in the breast of the greatest patriots of this country. My friends, he did great things in the great Civil War. After the war, as you know, he took up the duties of peace and gained distinction. He was one of the most influential men in Congress for the 20 years that he served. But after having come back under the Stars and Stripes, when the great Spanish-American War broke out, what did he do? He was a man then 63 years of age, already practically at the retiring age for officers of the Regular Army; and yet he volunteered immediately to go to the front. When I say to you that he volunteered to go to Cuba we do not fully appreciate what that meant at that time, because while there might have been a great deal of danger on the battle field there, there was more danger lurking in the possibility of having yellow fever, the danger of disease, than there was even on the battle field. Yet this man, throwing aside the great position which he held in Congress, went forth and said: "My country, I am ready." And thank God, we had at that time in the White House a man who was broad enough and patriotic enough and realized the situation sufficiently so that he appointed General Wheeler a major general in the United States Army; and I say to you that in my judgment there is no man in this country who did more to bind up the Nation's wounds than did this great man whose statue you have unveiled here to-day.

The North and South have come together so much more since the Spanish-American War, as you know. It was the binding up of the wounds of

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this country; and if the Spanish-American War had accomplished nothing else, it was worth all that it cost to show this country that the South was just as loyal to the United States of America as any other portion of the country.

I can not tell you all that I think of this man. I can not express to you my feeling for him. I have a great admiration for him. He has done what few men are able to do. His statue is placed here as an example for our people, for the young men and the young women of our country to look upon for all time, and to realize that a life of service and sacrifice such as his was is the greatest of all lives, and that ultimately it is the one that is most appreciated in our country.

He was a loving father, a tender husband, and almost the sweetest man I ever knew in my life. He had a most delightful and charming family. I knew him, and I knew his family, and I loved him, my friends. I loved him for what he was. Everybody loved him, for that matter. Alabama loved him. You could not know him and not love him; and his great character as a soldier and as a statesman was excelled only by his great sweetness and kindness and Christian character as a citizen. [Applause.] Without the last quality, without Christian character as a citizen, the others count for but little, and no man can be a success who has not that idea of Christian character and citizenship in him. I never knew a man who had it more than General Wheeler.

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, because I do not wish to detain you, I want to lay at his feet a wreath, such as has been the greatest tribute that could be paid to any man. It is the thing that all

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the people throughout the world since the World War do when they want to do honor to those who deserve honor; they bring and lay at the feet or upon the grave of those who are to be honored a simple wreath, and it was the crowning act of the French people when they did the last great honor to the Unknown Soldier of France. It was the last and crowning honor that we did to our Unknown Soldier who sleeps at Arlington. I now lay at the feet of this statue this wreath as the loving tribute of Tennessee, which I have the honor to represent to-day, and not only Tennessee but the United States of America—to a man who will live in the hearts of his countrymen as long as this great Republic of ours shall endure. [Great applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. I am glad now to present Hon. Lister Hill, Representative in Congress from the second district of Alabama.

ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL



Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen: I have lingered here in the Capital of the Nation that as a son of Alabama I might be present this hour to offer tribute to him chosen to stand among these immortals, the apogee of her greatness, her genius, her glory. Others who knew Gen. Joseph Wheeler will this day gather the golden threads of his life and weave that story, so thrilling, so inspiring, so full of good report.

I salute him as the Confederate soldier. What a flood of mighty memories is awakened by that heroic title! What a glorious panorama of patriotic achievement it presents to view! How it seems to fathom the very depths of duty and of devotion, the innermost springs of sympathy and of sorrow! As we pronounce it reverently to-day the trials and tragedies of the South's supreme struggle pass in review, and rising above the stress and strife of conflict is the steadfast faith, the abiding patience, the unending loyalty of the Confederate soldier.

I salute him as the soldier of the Republic, as the soldier of an army with victory after victory, without a single defeat or a single disaster; an army that at San Juan and El Caney added new luster to the flag and maintained the honor and glory of American arms; an army that drove the hand of tyranny from this Western Hemisphere

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and showed to the world that men could fight and suffer and endure for heroic ideals and for the liberties of other peoples.

I salute him as the soldier of the past whose intrepidity and high courage moved and inspired the American doughboy as he crossed 3,000 miles of sea, marched down into Picardy and into the fields of Flanders, smashed the Hindenburg line, and saved to the peoples of the earth the salvation and the hope that had been given to them on Calvary's heights.

I salute him as the statesman who turned to Justice and obeyed her, who trusted Liberty and followed her.

I salute him as the Alabamian proud of his State, firm in her faith, loyal to her hallowed past, true to her traditions, and cognizant of her potential glory.

Last and best of all, I salute him as the man holding the high commission of citizenship, an estate higher than public office or public honor. His the will to serve and bear; his the will to love and dare; his to build the brother future, to rise to high-born part, on to the city of God.

The fast-falling shadows of the past leave few names of men not enshrouded by their gloom. Tomorrow's sun will lighten up new shrines surrounded by tireless hosts of hero worshipers. This day Alabama places in this hall, sacred with memories, shrine of the States, with Washington and Lee, her son, the soldier, the statesman, the patriot, the citizen, and thus she speaks to all who come, be they from the ends of the earth: Stranger, ponder here, this figure molded in bronze, inanimate and voiceless of itself, bespeaks the strength

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and the beauty, the wonder and the glory of as brave, as true, as knightly a people as ever loved liberty or cherished human freedom. [Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. I regret exceedingly the unavoidable absence, on account of illness, of the senior Senator from Alabama, Hon. Oscar W. Underwood. I now take pleasure in introducing the junior Senator from that State, Hon. J. Thomas Heflin.

ADDRESS BY SENATOR HEFLIN



Mr. Chairman, ladies, and gentlemen: We are assembled here to do honor to one of Alabama's ablest, most popular, and best-beloved sons, Gen. Joseph Wheeler. The story of his life is an interesting and inspiring one. In the years of his early manhood he followed the fortunes of Lee—when knighthood was in flower. When only 26 years old he was an officer in the Confederate Army, a distinguished army corps commander. He was soon promoted to the office of general of cavalry and in this high and responsible office for one so young, by his marvelous knowledge of military science and his daring and genius as a commander of cavalry, he won such distinction on the field of battle that the Confederate Congress passed a resolution expressing gratitude for his heroic service and praising him for his valor and skill in battle. The historian tells us that he commanded in more than a hundred battles, and that the courage and extraordinary skill displayed in all of them marked him as one of the most fearless, able, and useful commanders in the Confederate Army. Then General Wheeler was helping to settle a question of far-reaching importance—a question first seriously raised by some of the New England States—as to whether or not the State had the right to secede or withdraw from the General Government.

Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, in his tribute to Gen. Robert E. Lee a few years ago, said:

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Prior to the War between the States the opinion was almost universal that in case of conflict between State and Federal Government sovereignty resided in the State and to it allegiance was due.

He said that Rawle's view of the Constitution was the accepted textbook at the West Point Military Academy when Lee was a cadet there and that it specifically taught that the secession of a State depended solely upon the will of the people of the State.

Doctor Ellis in his history of our country says that "The question of secession was never authoritatively settled until the war settled it."

General Wheeler fought for and was willing to give his life for what he conceived to be his patriotic duty in the premises. He accorded to the northern soldier the same patriotic impulse and lofty purpose that he claimed for himself, for he frequently said after the War between the States was over that "Both sides fought for the right as God gave them the power to see it." He accepted in good faith the settlement of the sword and devoted himself whole-heartedly to the work then at hand. He rendered signal service in rebuilding the South amidst the difficulties and horrors of reconstruction. Just as he had been the idol of his people as a masterful commander on the field of battle in time of war he now became in the time of peace one of the most popular and powerful political figures in our State, and the great Huntsville district in the Tennessee Valley in north Alabama elected him term after term for 20 years as their Representative in the Congress of the United States.

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His career in Congress was noted for marked ability, constant and efficient work for his people, and for splendid service to his country. He was a great Democrat in all that that term implies. Every throb of his big, brave heart beat loyal to the masses of the people. He loved the rank and file and served them well and faithfully, and in return they were deeply devoted to him.

He was a Member of Congress when Cuba, our sorely afflicted neighbor, cried out for deliverance from the cruelties of Spanish tyranny. He not only favored recognizing the belligerent rights of Cuba but he made known to the President not only his willingness but his desire to join the United States Army and follow Old Glory to the battle field against her foreign foe. President McKinley named this great cavalry general of Confederate fame a major general in the United States Army. And he was in the forefront of every important battle in the war with Spain and won distinction and renown by his daring, skill, and genius in the decisive battles of San Juan Hill and Santiago. He who had worn the uniform of gray in the settlement of a great question—a question that had to be settled before the Federal status of the Union was finally and forever fixed—was now wearing the uniform of blue in the service of a reunited country against a foreign foe. Joe Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee, General Shafter and Frederick Grant, marshaled beneath the same flag and bivouacked on the same battle field.

President McKinley did a noble and praiseworthy thing when he appointed the one-time Confederate general, Joe Wheeler, a general in the United States Army. His great service in the war with

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Spain was so noteworthy and brilliant, and so much appreciated by the American people, that when the war ended in victory for American arms and General Wheeler's earthly career was ended the constituted authorities of the Government asked the privilege and the honor of laying his body to rest in the National Cemetery at Arlington. And there on the slope of a hill near the magnificent and historic old home of General Lee the Government erected a splendid monument to his memory.

That General Lee greatly appreciated General Wheeler's services and highly regarded him as an officer in the Confederate Army is borne out by his own statement when he said:

The two ablest cavalry officers which the war developed were General Stuart, of Virginia, and Gen. Joseph Wheeler, of the Army of Tennessee.

Thirty years later Gen. William T. Sherman, who had commanded Union soldiers in the War between the States, and who knew at first-hand of the courage and skill of General Wheeler, said:

In the event of war with a foreign country Joe Wheeler is the man to command the Cavalry of our country.

In 1898, when the war with Spain came on, General Wheeler was placed in command of the American Cavalry, and General Shafter, in command of the American Army, said that General Wheeler, of the Cavalry Division, performed the most difficult task in crossing a stream under fire and helping to rout the enemy and win the Battle at San Juan Hill.

President Roosevelt, then commander of the Rough Rider Regiment, praised General Wheeler

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for his superb and heroic part in the Battle at San Juan Hill. He said:

To him, more than to any other man, was due the prompt abandonment of the proposal to fall back, a proposal which, if adopted, would have meant shame and disaster.

He was the popular idol of his comrades in two important struggles and a hero of two important wars. And when he was laid to rest in the cemetery at Arlington soldiers who had worn the blue in the War between the States and his old comrades, who had worn the gray, followed his remains to their last resting place in the national cemetery here at Washington.

Alabama, through her legislature at the last session of that distinguished body, designated General Wheeler as one of those that she is entitled to have represent her in the American hall of fame, and it gives me pleasure to participate in the exercises at which the State that I in part represent in the Senate presents for occupancy in Statuary Hall the statue of General Wheeler.

[Applause.]

The CHAIRMAN. On behalf of the people of Alabama, I desire to thank this large audience for assembling here to honor the memory, the life, and character of Gen. Joe Wheeler.

You may now consider yourselves dismissed.

