

years sustained such important and intimate relations, should give some expression of our sense of the public sorrow, which the event will awaken, and the public loss it will unavoidably occasion.

The life and history of our departed friend must illustrate better than any resolution we can adopt, the excellence of his character, as well as the value of those political institutions, to the support of which his life was assiduously devoted.

Unassisted by any of those adventitious aids usually deemed essential to political success, by the native strength of his intellect, and an unswerving firmness of purpose and integrity of character, that distinguished him through life, he attained positions of which the most cultivated intellect and the loftiest ambition might have justly been proud. For many years a member of the General Assembly of the State, afterwards for a term of four years occupying its Gubernatorial Chair, and at the time of his death, a member of the Senate of the United States, he evinced in all these positions such traits of character as rendered him a most valuable public officer, and in some of them enabled him, so to serve the State, that his memory will long be cherished by her citizens as one of their most faithful benefactors.

United with those qualities which insured his success as a public officer, were those kind-hearted and general traits, that endeared him in the affectionate regards of a host of personal friends; the death of such an individual at anytime must be a subject of deep personal regret, whilst occurring as it does, at this eventful period of our National career, it is a lamentable public loss.

To mark our sense of such a bereavement—

*Be it therefore resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in the death of Thomas Holliday Hicks, the State of Maryland deplores the loss of a most valuable public officer, and a highly valued and useful citizen, whose memory will be cherished by the State and her people with a grateful sense of his public services and private virtues.

*Resolved,* That as a further testimony of our appreciation of the deceased, and of our respect for his memory, the members of the two Houses of the General Assembly attend the funeral in a body, and that the National Ensign be displayed at half mast from the dome of the State House until the conclusion of the funeral services.

*Resolved,* That the foregoing report and resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the two Houses, and a copy of them be transmitted to the family of the deceased.