

conserving and promoting the moral and physical welfare of the people of Nebraska, and

Whereas, In public and private life he exerted a wholesome and purifying influence on society and labored with Christian fortitude and unceasing diligence in the upbuilding of the moral, educational and industrial institutions of this state, and

Whereas, By his loyalty, patriotism, rugged honesty and statesmanship he brought moral prestige to the state and shed luster on its citizenship, and

Whereas, His life is a beautiful and impressive example, whose emulation is well calculated to stimulate the nobler attributes of human character, and

Whereas, By his death the state loses one of its best and most illustrious citizens, one who in his life stood guard over its destiny and was ever watchful and considerate of its general welfare; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the officers of the executive department of the state of Nebraska, that, as a testimonial of respect, the transaction of public business at the state house be suspended at noon of Wednesday, April 30, for the remainder of that day, said day being the time set for the obsequies; that the flag be hung at half mast on the capitol and that the executive officers of the state participate in the performance of the final rites, and be it further

Resolved, That as evidence of our esteem, sorrow and bereavement, these resolutions be filed with the department of state and become part of the public records of the commonwealth and that a copy be furnished to members of the family of the deceased.

**The Nebraska Press Association.**

We have learned with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. Julius Sterling Morton, one of the first and most virile of Nebraska editors. We bear feeble testimony to our high appreciation of his services to his state and country. His private life was an inspiration and an incentive to exemplary citizenship; his public services were those of a patriot who never forsook duty and honor. His probity and intellectual achievements were such as glorify Nebraska and American manhood. As founder of Arbor Day he leaves millions of monuments to remind us of the good he did; the leaves stirred by the gentle zephyrs speak softly but distinctly the hope that the great work he began may be perpetuated. It is said that his life has gone out; but great lives never go out, they go on. We favor the building of a suitable memorial in his honor.

ROSS L. HAMMOND,  
W. W. HASKELL,  
F. P. MORGAN,  
Committee.

**City Council of Nebraska City.**

Whereas we are to acknowledge the visitation of the hand of death in the removal of our most prominent citizen, J. Sterling Morton, who was known as one of the brainiest, most progressive and leading pioneers of this state; who came here when the territory was first born, and mainly through whose efforts it has reached the high pinnacle it now occupies; and

Whereas, Mr. Morton achieved a world-wide reputation as the originator of Arbor Day, by which the bleak prairies of Nebraska were turned to orchards and forests and made to "blossom as the rose;" and

Whereas, Mr. Morton has always been identified with every enterprise calculated to advance and enhance the interests of this city, always ready to contribute his share; therefore

Resolved, That while we, the city council of Nebraska City, most sincerely mourn the loss of our honored citizen, we recognize the call of our Heavenly Father and bow our heads in humble submission to his will; that a copy of this resolution be placed upon the records and an engrossed copy furnished the relatives, and that the council attend the funeral in a body.

**City Council of Omaha.**

Whereas, On the 25th day of April A. D., 1902, death deprived the state of Nebraska of a distinguished and useful citizen in the person of the Hon. J. Sterling Morton, an early pioneer of the territory of Nebraska and one who, up to the time of his death, was a ceaseless and untiring worker for the welfare and development of the state of Nebraska.

Whereas, In the language of a discerning friend uttered many years ago,—"He is one of those men that can make things happen." It was J. Sterling Morton that gave an impetus to farming in early territorial days by public declaration, "That the production of corn in Nebraska will prove a success and become profitable by the union of mind and muscle co-operating with sunbeams and raindrops." The groves and woodlands of Nebraska attest his foresight, and, in the future, he will be known and spoken of as the father of Nebraska's Arbor day. Our honorable mayor, in his communication to this council announcing the death of the deceased, truly describes him as "A man of splendid intellect, unblemished integrity, indomitable courage, unyielding tenacity and boundless energy." Therefore—

Resolved, By the city council of the city of Omaha: That, by reason of the recent death of the late Hon. J. Sterling Morton, Nebraska has suffered the loss of one of its most intelligent and useful citizens; a citizen who was

prompt in the performance of his duties whether they were of a public or private nature; any trust reposed in him being scrupulously observed. As a territorial legislator, a territorial secretary, a territorial governor, a member of a president's cabinet or a member of an exposition board, he displayed such qualities of manhood and learning as placed him in the front rank of men.

Resolved, That we, in common with the good citizens of this state, express our regret and sorrow on this occasion, and hereby tender our sympathy and good will to the surviving members of the family of the deceased, and hereby direct the city clerk to place the foregoing upon the journal of the proceedings of this council, and to present an engrossed copy of the same to the son of the deceased residing at Arbor Lodge near Nebraska City.

**MESSAGES OF  
CONDOLENCE.**

Below are quoted a few of the very many messages received by Mr. Morton's family at the time of his death.

Stuart, Florida, April 29th.

Miss Morton:

I have just heard of the sad death of my friend and your brother, and I hasten to express my deep sorrow and sincere condolence. Grover Cleveland.

White House,

Washington, D. C., April 28th.

To Paul Morton:

Am greatly shocked and grieved. I respected and admired your father as a public man and I loved him as a friend. I sympathize deeply with you, and feel that the country has sustained a real and great loss.

Theodore Roosevelt.

New York, April 28.

To Joy Morton:

You all have our sincere sympathy in your great bereavement.

J. G. Carlisle.

Stuart, Florida, April 29th.

Paul Morton:

I am greatly shocked and grieved by the announcement of the death of my friend, your father, and beg to express my deep sympathy.

Daniel S. Lamont.

Cincinnati, Ohio, April 28.

To Paul Morton:

Sympathy and condolence to all of you from all of us.

Judson Harmon.

Topeka, Kans., April 28th.

The Conservative:

Please convey my condolences to the family of Mr. Morton. I am much grieved. E. F. Ware.