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way to summer climes when winter is over. But our friends depart one by one, each taking with him a part of the sunshine of our lives. It is alone that we must descend into the valley and shadow of death; and many a stout heart shrinks from that last and lonely tragedy that would not flinch in the hour of battle.

RESOLVED, That it be publicly declared that in our unanimous opinion Mark L. Alexander, in the course of his long and useful career, displayed in the highest degree the many virtues that tend to the good of the cause of conservation of wild life, and to the elevation of the standards of public and private life. Conscientious in all relations, generous, charitable, kindly disposed to all men, his high moral excellence remains an inspiration and a striking example.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

President Adams: I would suggest that the secretary send a copy of this resolution to the late Mr. Alexander's two daughters and son.

Mr. Avery: The committee intended to suggest that, and also to the Department of Conservation of the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Berwick: As representative of the Conservation Department of the state of Louisiana, from the bottom of my heart I want to thank this organization for the splendid sentiments which they have expressed in the resolution just presented.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Avery: The next resolution is with regard to the Public Shooting Ground-Game Refuge Bill.

Whereas the situation with reference to breeding, feeding, and wintering areas for waterfowl continues to grow more critical and the need for segregating such remaining areas permanently for the purpose of preservation of waterfowl is urgent,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That this Association urges the enactment of the so-called Public Shooting Ground-Game Refuge Bill and pledges its active and earnest support of the said bill in the form as prepared for introduction in the next Congress.

President Adams: I suggest now that all the resolutions be read, then we can vote on them as a whole.

Mr. Avery: The next resolution has not been drafted, but the Committee wishes to report the same resolution as was adopted by the American Fisheries Society with reference to drainage, particularly the proposed drainage of the Winneshiek bottoms. Most of you heard that resolution read during the meetings of the American Fisheries Society. It condemns indiscriminate and unnecessary drainage in general and the proposed drainage of the upper Mississippi bottoms in particular, especially the Winneshiek bottoms, now under consideration. It sets forth various reasons, among others, that indiscriminate and general drainage for the purpose of increasing agricultural lands is not necessary at this time, and that these areas now covered with water, valuable as they are for breeding grounds for our waterfowl and fishes, are of more value to the public as such than they would be for any other purpose. We wish to offer that resolution.

Mr. Holland: I suggest that there be added to that resolution a provision that copies of it be sent to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the United States Secretary of War, and the President of the United States.