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able areas suitable for the use of waterfowl be permanently safeguarded, therefore,

This Association reaffirms its endorsement of the measure now known as the Federal Migratory Bird Refuge and Marsh Land Conservation Bill and urges its early passage.

The appointment of a representative of this Association by its President to serve with similar representatives of other organizations in promoting the passage of the bill is approved and directed.

Platform of Principles.

The adoption by this Association of a definite platform or code of basic principles of wild life conservation is recognized as necessary to the orderly and sane progress of game administration and legislation in the several states, and it is believed that the time is now ripe for such a step. The President is therefore empowered and directed to appoint a committee of five members whose duty it shall be to formulate and present such a platform at the next annual convention for adoption.

Deceased Members.

Death has entered the ranks of the Association during the past year and removed two of our distinguished and highly respected members.

G. M. Willard.

The Association desires to record its keen sense of loss of the wise counsel and helpful advice of the Hon. G. M. Willard, recently State Game Warden of the State of Arizona who departed this life shortly after taking part in the last annual meeting at Denver, Colorado. The high character of Mr. Willard as a citizen and a public official was universally recognized, and his modest, genial personality and sterling worth impressed themselves on all who were fortunate enough to know him.

John P. Woods.

For many years a familiar and welcome figure at the annual conventions of this Association was that of John P. Woods, of St. Louis, Missouri, a loyal, enthusiastic, earnest member, always ready and abundantly able to assume any obligation laid upon him and to carry the banner of conservation. He was a unique and loveable personality whom many of our members were proud to number among their most valued personal friends and who deeply mourn his departure.

The secretary of this Association is hereby directed to forward to the surviving relatives of Mr. G. M. Willard and Mr. John P. Woods suitable messages of sympathy and condolence.

Appreciation of Courtesies.

The members of the International Association have been placed under lasting obligation to Hon. I. T. Quinn, Commissioner of Game and Fisheries of the State of Alabama, for his tireless and effective efforts in perfecting and executing the excellent arrangements for this convention. He has made good in an abundant measure the assurance given us when his invitation to come to Mobile was accepted last year.

To the Hon. Harry T. Hartwell, Acting Mayor of the city of Mobile, and to Mr. O. M. Phelps, General Manager of the Cham-