

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IOWA,

PRAYING

The extension of the western and northern boundaries of that State, and the extinction of the Indian title to the lands situated therein.

JULY 22, 1856.—Referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

MEMORIAL AND JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE WESTERN BOUNDARY LINE OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO MISSOURI RIVER.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

Your memorialists, the general assembly of the State of Iowa, would respectfully represent, that the Missouri river is the most natural and appropriate western boundary for the State of Iowa, and that it is highly important to the best interests of said State, as it will be to the people who may hereafter settle and occupy the delta of land located between the present western boundary of said State and river, that the same should be attached to and made a part of the State of Iowa, so that the Missouri river may constitute the entire western boundary line of said State, and as a parallel of latitude (forty-three degrees and thirty minutes) extending from the Mississippi river to the Missouri river, may constitute the northern boundary line of said State.

Your memorialists would, therefore, respectfully ask of your honorable bodies, that a law may be passed providing for the immediate extinguishment of the Indian title to said land, and for its annexation to the State of Iowa.

Resolved, That the senators from this State be instructed, and the representatives requested, to use their best exertions to procure the passage of a law as asked for in the foregoing memorial, and that the secretary of State forward a copy thereof to each.

REUBEN NOBLE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
MATURIN L. FISHER,
President of the Senate.

Approved July 15, 1856.

JAMES W. GRIMES.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, IOWA,
Iowa City, July 15, 1856.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy from the original rolls on file in my office.

GEO. W. McCLEARY,
Secretary of State.