

## INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hayes presented the following Joint Resolution:

## JOINT RESOLUTION,

Instructing the Senators and requesting the Representatives in Congress from Maryland to take action with a view to securing and preserving Temple Farm and the Moore House at Yorktown, Virginia, by the United States.

Whereas, The Moore House and Temple Farm, upon which it is situated, at Yorktown, Virginia, will carry with them through all the time the memories of the siege and victory by which the allied armies of France and the American Colonies secured our nation's independence; and

Whereas, During the recent Centennial celebration of the event by the citizens and representatives of the Republic of France and the United States of America, the hope was expressed by the descendants of the officers of both France and America, who commanded on the field in 1891, that the farm and house should be preserved and perpetuated as a memorial of the friendly alliance which then and ever since has existed between the people of the two nations, as well as in respect to the memories of those who fell in or survived the struggle that ended the protracted war and gave peace and hope to a then impoverished people; and

Whereas, It is stated, the property can at this time be secured for a nominal sum, and that the product of the farm will probably be ample to preserve and keep the buildings in repair, and which are so located as to be well adapted for government purposes on occasions of naval inspections and reviews on York river; and

Whereas, The sentiments expressed by representatives of the French Republic and descendants of French officers, who commanded on the field at Yorktown during their recent visit to participate in the Centennial celebration, in conjunction with the descendants of the colonial officers, was that this government should take charge of and preserve and perpetuate the property; and, believing this to be also the sentiment of the American people in general, therefore