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[By Mr. MILES.

RESOLUTIONS.

1 *Resolved*, That, under the Constitution, Congress alone has
2 the power to declare war, and the President, by and with the
3 advice and consent of the Senate, the power to make a treaty
4 of peace.

1 *Resolved*, That all attempts to make peace with the United
2 States, by the action or intervention of the separate States com-
3 posing this Confederacy, are unauthorized by the Constitution,
4 in contravention of the supreme law of the land, and therefore
5 *revolutionary*.

1 *Resolved*, That the Confederate States are prosecuting the
2 war in which they are engaged for the purpose of establishing
3 their independence as a separate power, and that in so doing
4 they are exercising the natural and inalienable right claimed
5 by them in the revolution of '76, which established their inde-
6 pendence of the British crown.

1 *Resolved*, That we, the Representatives of the people of the
2 Confederate States, are firmly determined to continue the
3 struggle in which we are involved, until the United States shall
4 acknowledge our independence, and to this determination, with
5 a sincere conviction of the justice of our cause, and an humble
6 reliance upon the Supreme Ruler of Nations, we do solemnly
7 and faithfully pledge ourselves.

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States, by the action or intervention of the Executive, con-
stituting the Constitution, are unauthorized by the Constitution,
in violation of the supreme law of the land, and therefore
unlawful.

Resolved, That the Confederate States, by promoting the
war in which they are engaged for the purpose of establishing
their independence as a separate power, and in so doing
they are violating the federal and territorial rights claimed
by them in the resolution of 1862, which established their in-
dependence of the British crown.

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Confederate States, are firmly determined to continue the
struggle in which we are involved, until the United States shall
acknowledge our independence, and to this determination, with
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reliance upon the Supreme Ruler of Heaven, we do solemnly

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