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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JAN. 30, 1865.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

[By the CHAIR.]

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## RESOLUTIONS

*Passed at a Meeting of the Ninth Virginia Infantry—January 25, 1865.*

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At a meeting of the 9th Virginia Regiment of Infantry, held January 25th, 1865, the following preamble and resolutions were passed, with but two dissenting voices:

Whereas it seems that there are some persons within the Confederate States, who, unmindful of the blood that has been shed, and regardless of the sacrifices we have already made, are willing to accept peace upon the basis of reconstruction of the Union: and whereas, believing the day of concession and of compromise to be past, we think that peace, obtained on any such terms, would prove but a short truce, and would but dam up the stream of blood, that the torrent might flow the deeper in the future: and whereas we, the officers and men of the 9th Virginia Regiment of Infantry, Stewart's brigade, Pickett's division, mostly refugees from Eastern Virginia, whose homes have been desolated, and loved ones oppressed and insulted, desire thus to express our opinion to our friends at home, and our brothers in arms:

1. Resolved, that the cruel vindictiveness and angry boasts of our enemy, during the past four years of strife, have but proved the justness of our cause, and should nerve a brave people to a more determined resistance.

2. Resolved, that we, in the beginning of this new year, not unmindful of our past privations and dangers, dropping a tear upon the graves of our fallen comrades, remembering with the tenderest emotions our loved ones at home, weary of waiting our return, firmly relying upon a just God, renew our pledges to liberty, and reconsecrate our best energies to the achievement of independence for our dear southern land.

3. Resolved, that we owe it to ourselves, to the cause of liberty, and to the memory of those who have fallen in our sacred cause, to resist, to the last extremity, a foe, subjection to whom would make life itself a burden.

4. Resolved, that we have no new pledges to make, but stand ready with our lives to redeem those already given.

5. Resolved, that a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to brigade and division head quarters, Richmond and Petersburg press, Virginia legislature and congress of the Confederate States.

THOMAS H. WILLIAMS, *Pres.*  
J. S. GILLIAM, JR., *Sec.*

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