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ON THE

LIFE AND CHARACTER

OF

BENJAMIN HARVEY HILL

(A SENATOR FROM GEORGIA),

DELIVERED IN THE

SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION,

JANUARY 25, 1883.



WASHINGTON:
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE.
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JOINT RESOLUTION to print certain eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late Benjamin H. Hill.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be printed twelve thousand copies of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late Benjamin H. Hill, a Senator from the State of Georgia, of which four thousand shall be for the use of the Senate, and eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives; and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to have printed a portrait of said Benjamin H. Hill to accompany each copy of said eulogies; and for the purpose of defraying the expense of engraving and printing the said portrait, the sum of six hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved February 23, 1883.

ANNOUNCEMENT
OF THE
DEATH OF BENJAMIN HARVEY HILL,
A SENATOR FROM GEORGIA,

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

Monday, December 4, 1882.

Rev. J. J. BULLOCK, D. D., Chaplain to the Senate, offered the following

PRAYER:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, it ever becomes us to approach Thee with the voice of gratitude and praise, for Thou art good, O Lord, and Thou doest good to all, and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. We thank Thee for all the goodness and mercy which have crowned our past lives. Especially would we offer up our humble and hearty thanks unto Thee for Thy watchful providence over us during the period of our separation, and that we are permitted to meet together again under circumstances of great mercy in the enjoyment of health, of reason, and of every blessing.

Defend and deliver us from all evil. Guide us in the way of wisdom, of truth, and of righteousness. May we have peace in all our borders and prosperity in all our habitations.

Bless our rulers, the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Senators and Representatives in Congress,

and all others in authority. Guide and assist them to discharge aright the duties and responsibilities which devolve upon them as the rulers of this great country. Fill our land with the knowledge of Thy truth and with the fruits of righteousness. May we long live a united, happy, and prosperous people.

God be merciful unto us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, and give us pardon and peace and eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, it becomes my most painful duty, in this official form, to announce to the Senate the death of my late colleague, Hon. BENJAMIN H. HILL. That patriotic citizen, grand orator, able statesman, and Christian gentleman died at his residence, in the city of Atlanta, on the 16th day of August last. The intelligence of the death of Senator Hill was received with profound regret throughout the whole country. But the people of Georgia, whom he had so ably served and who had so long delighted to honor him, were the greatest sufferers. Grief-stricken, they bowed their heads in sorrow, and will long mourn their irreparable loss.

But, Mr. President, having performed the melancholy duty of announcing the death of my late colleague to the Senate, the proprieties of the occasion will not, at present, permit a further extension of these remarks. At a future day I shall ask a suspension of the public business, that the Senate, in connection with the House of Representatives, may pay fitting tribute to the character, the virtues, the ability, and the services of the deceased Senator.

I now offer the following resolutions, and move their immediate consideration:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. BENJAMIN H. HILL, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these proceedings to the House of Representatives.

Resolved, As a token of respect to the memory of the deceased, that the Senate do now adjourn.

The resolutions were agreed to unanimously; and (at two o'clock and forty-five minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned.