

JOINT RESOLUTION of thanks to General Robert E. Lee, and to the officers and soldiers under his command.

Whereas the campaigns of the brave and gallant armies covering the capital of the Confederate States during the two successive years of 1862 and 1863, under the leadership and command of General Robert E. Lee, have been crowned with glorious results, defeating greatly superior forces massed by the enemy for the conquest of these States repelling the invaders with immense losses, and twice transferring the battle-field from our own country to that of the enemy;

And whereas the masterly and glorious achievements, rendering forever memorable the fields of the "Seven Days of Great Battles, " which raised the siege of Richmond, as well as those of Cedar Run, Second Manassas, Harper's Ferry, Boonsbrought (sic), Sharsburg (sic), Shepherdstown, Fredericksburg, Winchester (sic), Gettysburg, and Chancellorsville, command the admiration and gratitude of our country;

And whereas these and other illustrious services rendered by this able commander since the commencement of our war of independence have especially endeared him to the hearts of his countrymen, and have imposed on Congress the grateful duty of giving expression to their feelings:

Therefore, Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the thanks of Congress are due tendered to General Robert E. Lee, and to the officers and soldiers of the Confederate armies under his command, for the great and signal victories they have won over the vast hosts of the enemy, and for the inestimable services they have rendered in defence (sic) of the liberty and independence of our country. Resolved,

That the President be requested to communicate these resolutions to General Robert E. Lee, and to the officers and soldiers herein designated.

Approved January 8, 1864.