

A BILL

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE SPIRIT LAKE MASSACRE, IN MARCH, 1857, AND MEDALS FOR THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE RELIEF EXPEDITION FROM HAMILTON AND WEBSTER COUNTIES.

WHEREAS, during an incursion of hostile Indians, known as Ink-pa-du-tuh's Band, into
 2 Dickinson county, Iowa, in the month of March, 1857, several persons were cruelly massa-
 3 cred and others carried into captivity; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer expedition was promptly fitted out and sent to the relief of the set-
 2 tlement by the inhabitants of Hamilton and Webster counties, two of the members of
 3 which perished from the exposure on the march; therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That the following memorials shall be provided at the public expense, to com-
 2 memorate the events and perpetuate the memory of the pioneers who participated in them :

3 *First.* A plain granite monument shall be erected near the place of the massacre,
 4 upon which shall be inscribed the names of those who were killed or carried into cap-
 5 tivity, together with the names of the two volunteers whose lives were lost on the relief
 6 expedition.

7 *Second.* A medal not to contain over \$5 worth coin silver shall be struck and pre-
 8 sented in the name of the State of Iowa, to each officer and man who was enrolled and
 9 participated in the relief expedition, as shown by the official lists, together with a set of
 10 duplicates in bronze, which said duplicates shall be preserved in the capitol building at
 11 Des Moines.

SEC. 3. Said medals shall be struck from one die, leaving the name of the recipient in
 2 each case to be engraved upon the copy he receives. In case it shall be found that any
 3 officer or man is dead, or his whereabouts cannot be ascertained, then the medal shall be
 4 given to his nearest surviving relative; but when none of these can be found, then the
 5 original shall be kept with the copies in bronze, as hereinbefore provided.

SEC. 4. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, there is hereby appro-
 2 priated out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten
 3 thousand dollars (to be paid during the fiscal years of 1887 and 1888), or so much thereof as
 4 may be necessary. The following named persons are hereby appointed as Commissioners

5 to perform such duties as may be necessary in carrying into effect the provisions of this act,
6 viz: His Excellency, the Governor, Charles Aldrich, of Hamilton county, and Samuel
7 Rees, of Webster county, Iowa: Provided, that the site for the proposed monument shall
8 be received without expense to the State; and, provided further, that the only compensa-
9 tion the Commissioners shall be allowed shall be their necessary traveling expenses in dis-
10 charge of their duties under this act. In case of a vacancy in the Commission the Gov-
11 ernor shall fill the place by appointment.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its publication according to law.