

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 290

Honoring the life of Oliver Hazard Perry Morton.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 11, 2023

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of Oliver Hazard Perry Morton.

Whereas Oliver Hazard Perry Morton (referred to in this preamble as “Morton”) was born in Wayne County, Indiana, on August 4, 1823;

Whereas 2023 is the 200th anniversary of Morton’s birth;

Whereas Morton attended Miami University in Ohio and studied law both in Centerville, Indiana, and in law school at what is known today as the University of Cincinnati;

Whereas, in 1852, Morton was chosen to serve on the bench of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Indiana;

Whereas Morton was elected lieutenant governor of Indiana on the ticket with Henry S. Lane and became governor in 1861 when Lane was elected to the Senate;

Whereas Morton was the first native born Hoosier to be elected Governor of Indiana;

Whereas Morton served as Governor of Indiana for 6 years between 1861 and 1867 and was a loyal supporter of the Union's efforts during the Civil War;

Whereas the Civil War started during Morton's tenure as governor, and Morton responded to President Abraham Lincoln's call for troops by providing 6,000 men;

Whereas, when the Indiana legislature neglected to grant funding for the war effort, Morton personally raised money to equip and pay the soldiers;

Whereas Morton was re-elected as governor in 1864 and served until 1867, when he was elected to the Senate;

Whereas Morton was a Senator from 1867 to 1877;

Whereas Morton unsuccessfully ran for the Republican presidential nomination in 1876;

Whereas the Oliver P. Morton House in Centerville, Indiana, was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975 and is named in Morton's honor;

Whereas there are statues of Morton on the steps of the Indiana Statehouse entrance and at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis, Indiana;

Whereas Morton is 1 of Indiana's 2 assigned statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol; and

Whereas Morton died on November 1, 1877, and is buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana; Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

1 (1) the dedication and efforts of Governor Oli-
2 ver Hazard Perry Morton helped preserve the Union
3 during the Civil War and were of importance to the
4 State of Indiana during that difficult time in United
5 States history;

6 (2) the continued legacy of Governor Oliver
7 Hazard Perry Morton continues to enrich the com-
8 munity and State of Indiana and he is 1 of Indi-
9 ana's most notable Hoosiers; and

10 (3) the dedication and life of Governor Oliver
11 Hazard Perry Morton should be recognized, espe-
12 cially in 2023, which marks the 200th anniversary
13 of his birth.

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