

Mr. President: I rise to second the message just submitted by the Senator from Somerset. The subject is of a mournful character—but a few days since, the deceased was in our midst, in full vigor of health and with as much promise of length of years as any member of this body; now we are called upon to unite in offering a feeble tribute, which is all that is left us, to the memory of the lamented dead.

My acquaintance with the deceased, commenced with the present session, and I found him a pleasant and agreeable acquaintance, an intelligent and accomplished gentleman, fair, candid, and sound in his political sentiments; I felt gratified at meeting him in social converse, and in council, and had hoped that a long life of usefulness was before him; but the sad intelligence of his sudden illness received two days since, left us but little hope of his recovery. He who does all things well, and whose councils are above ours as the Heavens are above the earth, has seen fit to call him away from scenes of agitation and strife. His manly form, frank and open countenance, intelligent bearing and unfaltering voice, we shall see and hear no more. Let us bow in submission to the fiat of our Maker, and profit by the solemn lesson the death of our friend is intended to teach; we are admonished of the frailty of our nature, the feeble tenure by which we hold our existence, the importance of suppressing animosities and contentions here, of cultivating amity and peace among ourselves, of exercising charity to each others motives, forbearance and extenuation to each others faults and mistakes, and that preparation of life and of heart, which will enable us to depart in peace, and in the triumphs of faith, when the messenger shall come to announce that time with us, shall be no more.

Mr. Tome, also seconded the adoption of the message, in appropriate and feeling remarks.

The message was then assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Waters, it was

Ordered, That the Members of the Senate wear the usual badge of mourning, for the period of thirty days, in token of respect for the memory of Henry S. Magraw, late a Member of the House of Delegates, whose death has been this day announced by a message of the House of Delegates.

On motion of Mr. Davis, of Caroline, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Senate furnish the Members and Officers of the Senate, with a uniform badge to be worn as provided for in the order submitted by the Honorable Senator from Somerset.

On motion of Mr. Bowie,

The Senate adjourned until Monday morning at 12 o'clock.