

At the close of the address of Mr. Steiner,

Mr. Mudd arose and said:

Mr. President,

As the representative of the people of Charles county upon the floor of the Senate, I feel, sir, that injustice would be done my county did I not, in the name of her people, heartily endorse the resolutions of respect to the memory of Col. Chapman Billingsley. Desparity in years and other circumstances have combined to deny me the privilege to have known him personally in early life, but in my public associations with him in this Chamber, in my private associations with him elsewhere, in my intercourse with the people of St. Mary's and Southern Maryland, I have learned to regard the name of Col. Billingsley as but a synonym of truth, honor and integrity of character.

Though having attained to the ripe old age allotted by the Psalmist, he was not born down by the weight of years.

The vigor and strength of body and mind, which ordinarily attach to those of fewer years, were remarkably preserved to him, until, by the fell stroke of acute disease, the inexorable fiat was announced and the State and society bereft of the services of one who, I believe, struggled for the vanguard only, in the cause of right and justice—in the cause of the people. In his public and private life, Mr. President, Col. Billingsley has left an enviable record—a record worthy of our emulation; and truly may it be said, that he was, in the language of the bard, one of the “noblest works of God,” an “honest man.”

Mr. Stevens addressed the Senate in eulogy of the high character and distinguished services of Senator Billingsley, and of his personal knowledge of and intercourse with him as associated in the Senate, and upon the Committee upon Education with him, and closed with the following quotation from Dryden:

“Since every man who lives is born to die,
And none can boast sincere felicity,
With equal mind what happens let us bear,
Nor joy, nor grieve for things beyond our care.
Like pilgrims to the appointed place we tend:
The World's an Inn, and death the journey's end.”

The resolutions as read were then adopted.

When,

On motion by Mr. Lawrence,

The Senate, at 2.20, P. M., adjourned.