



COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF NEW YORK
ALDERMAN
JOHN A. BOGERT
PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING DREAMBLE AND
WHEREAS WHICH WERE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

That the Mayor has officially communicated to this Board the melancholy intelligence of the demise of one of the most illustrious sons, the

WAS WASHINGTON IRVING

the sad event occurring at his late residence Sunnyside, in the County of the Hudson, in the adjoining county, on Monday evening last, at the advanced age of seventy six years

In the decease of our illustrious and honored citizen it is met that the authorities of this the City of his birth should in a becoming manner honor their loss of the City sustained by the whole country, in being deprived of the companionship of one who has by his exemplary life and his teachings through the medium of his numerous literary publications tended in a marked degree to elevate the mind and enlighten the will of all those of our citizens who entertain feelings of love and devotion for the Church, Law and Institutions of our beloved Country more especially in the great and inestimable legacy bequeathed to us in his

LIFE OF WASHINGTON IRVING

Secretary Legation Court St. James Minister Plenipotentiary Court Madrid

the energy and fidelity with which he devoted his rare talents and ability to the best interests of his country entitled him to the lasting gratitude of those for whom he labored and this common Council as the representative of this the greatest commercial and most important City in the World feel called upon to pay their public tribute of respect to his memory as a public man and

Whereas

Considering as he did in an eminent degree all those attributes which constitute the scholar the patriot and the statesman his life will be the more acutely felt as his death creates a void in the number of our public men which cannot be filled in our day and generation the shining galaxy of noble names of whom he was a bright particular star having of late years been gradually fading from our national horizon never we fear to be replaced or renewed by stars of equal brilliancy therefore be it

Resolved

That this common Council deeply sympathizing with the family of our deceased friend in their affliction and in consideration of our respect for his memory do recommend that his name be placed on the list of the several fire alarm bell towers to be filled between the hours of one and two o'clock on Thursday December 1, 1859, at which time the funeral will take place from his late residence that the pastors of the several churches or places of Divine worship be requested to toll the bells of their respective churches at the above mentioned time that the masters forward in the harbor the proprietors of Hotels and their public buildings be requested to display their flags at half mast during the day and that the flags on the City Hall and other public buildings and Institutions of the City be also displayed at half mast during the day and kept further

Resolved

That the Clerk of the Common Council be directed to cause a copy of the foregoing Dreamble and Resolutions to be suitably engraved and transmitted to the family of the deceased

Adopted by the Board of Aldermen December 30th 1859.

Adopted by the Board of Young Men December 30th 1859.

Approved by the Mayor December 31st 1859.

Wm F. Tilden Mayor

J. T. Vallentyne Clerk

