

Chicago, March, 30th, 1892.

Whereas,

We believe it to be a duty as well as pleasure to acknowledge and encourage the labors of distinguished benefactors and

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We also believe that the living as well as the dead should be gratefully remembered for their deeds of heroism and sacrifice in the cause of liberty and humanity and

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It is our conviction that the century has produced no more fearless, able and aggressive advocate of the cause of the Colored Man's complete emancipation and the fullness of his citizenship than our friend Judge Albion W. Tourgee be it therefore

Resolved,

That in grateful remembrance of his fidelity and devotion to the cause of the Colored People in their bloody struggle for liberty and citizenship in the Southland, in reverent recollection of his remarkably able and impressive exposition of the wrongs and the barbarous outrages perpetrated by the hand of hate on innocent and defenseless Colored People; in expression of our gratitude for the attractive literature whose awful and pathetic truths have penetrated to the millions of fire-sides in this land and beyond the seas, winning for the author of "A Fool's Errand", "Bricks Without Straw", "Hot Plow Shares", "An Appeal To Caesar" and many other pen productions, richly deserved fame.

We the "Women's Columbian Auxilliary of Chicago" in meeting assembled do hereby express our unbounded gratitude and appreciation for the labors so gratuitously expended in the cause of the outraged and oppressed, a cause which since the death of Sumner, Stephens and many others would seem almost hopeless, but for the potency, elequence, and unflinching championship of our devoted friend Judge Tourgee.