

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 215

S. P. 544

In Senate, Feb. 21, 1929.

Reported by Senator Crosby of Penobscot from Committee on Military Affairs and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Crosby of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Providing for an Honorarium for Otis O. Roberts of Dexter, one of two Surviving Holders in Maine of the Congressional Medal of Honor, for Services Rendered in the Civil War.

Resolved: That an honorarium of twenty-five dollars
2 (\$25.00) per month be, and hereby is, granted to Otis O.
3 Roberts of Dexter, one of two surviving holders in Maine
4 of the Congressional Medal of Honor, for services ren-
5 dered in the Civil War. Said honorarium to be paid month-
6 ly from the fund for pensions for soldiers and sailors and
7 their dependents. Said honorarium shall begin July first,

8 nineteen hundred twenty-nine, and shall continue until oth-
9 erwise provided by the legislature, and shall be in lieu of
10 the state pension which he is now receiving.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Otis O. Roberts, now in his eighty-seventh year, served in the Civil War with various Maine regiments from July 15th, 1861 to his discharge for disability, as a first sergeant, on February 11, 1865. On the nineteenth of October 1864, in the engagement known as the battle of Cedar Creek, he displayed extraordinary bravery and courage in re-capturing from the enemy single-handed one of his regiment's battle flags and held it against all comers. During the performance of this great act of gallantry his left foot was shot off by an enemy cannon ball causing injuries which led to his immediate hospitalization and subsequent honorable discharge from the service. For his outstanding act of valor and devotion he was subsequently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and is today one of two surviving Civil War veterans in Maine to hold this distinguished honor. His pension from the federal government plus the small sum of six dollars (\$6.00) which he is now receiving from the state of Maine is insufficient to provide proper necessities of life and medical attention for him in his present bed-ridden condition and for his aged wife who is in poor health and unable to carry on her household duties.