No. 49.

Resolution recommending the celebration of the Anniversary of the taking of the oath of office by George Washington, the first President of the United States, on April 30, 1789.

Whereas, On the 30th of April of the present year, 1889, the Centennial Anniversary occurs of the day when George Washington, after an unanimous election thereto, took the oath of office as the first President of the United States April 30th, 1789, and

Whereas, When on his journey to the city of New York to perform that august duty he came to this city and was received amid the greatest rejoicing, in which the whole community participated, escorting him to a place of hospitality—Grant's Tavern—on the present site of the Carrollton Hotel, and the morning following, when he resumed his journey, he was bid "God speed" by almost the entire population; and

Whereas, Washington held the unflinching loyalty of this City in the highest admiration. He knew it as a place of protection in the darkest days of the Revolutionary period for the Continental Congress, whose men and boys responded to his call in the Old Maryland Line, and its women and girls furnished clothing and supplies to his suffering army through General Lafayette; therefore be it

Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the week commencing April 29 be recommended as a time of rejoicing and congratulation at the mighty results achieved within the century through which the United States have progressed.

That the following recommendations be also made to evince the observance of the period in our local and State history.

That the School Commissioners have but one session during that week and a full holiday on the 30th, and on that day the children and teachers be requested to visit Mount Vernon Place, and, as far as practicable, to decorate the Monument to Washington and ornament the squares adjacent.

That the Fire Department shall during the week, in different sections of the city, display the power of their organization and the capacity of their apparatus.

That all public buildings shall be open to visit and inspection.

That all uniformed organizations shall parade one day during the week in different sections, not all on one day, but to arrange to have parades in the afternoon of each day in each section of the city.

One day for the Military. One day for the Fire Department. One day for the Police Department. One day for the Educational Department. One day for the Trades' display. One day for Uniformed organizations.

Each display to be divided into sections, as experience has taught us the City is too great and has too much to exhibit to do so within the limits of a single day.

Resolved also, That all citizens, as far as they can, be requested to decorate their stores, factories, workshops and dwelling houses, and that permission be and is hereby given to erect triumphal arches without material interference with the ordinary use of the streets, the same to remain up not longer than thirty days.

Resolved also, That we earnestly recommend that business will, as far as it is practicable, cease at 4 P. M.