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JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
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"WHEREAS, The issue between the Democratic and Republican parties upon the subject of the independence of the Philippine Islands, and the capability of their people for self-government, is widely discussed in the Northern and to some extent in the Southern press, and will, in the opinion of the Hon. William J. Bryan, become one of the paramount issues in the next national campaign; and

"WHEREAS, It is a subject upon which the people generally so far possess, or can obtain, but very little direct information; and

"WHEREAS, The Hon. James H. Blount, a distinguished son of Georgia, has recently returned from said islands, where he lived for many years, and during the term of his said residence was one of the codifiers of the laws of said islands, and was judge of one of its highest courts, and favors the Democratic position of independence and self-government for said islands, and has recently delivered two public speeches upon that subject in Georgia which, for their bearing, observation and wisdom, are of inestimable value to the people; and

"WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Georgia would deem it a rare opportunity to hear said speech; therefore be it

"Resolved, by the Senate, the House concurring, That the said James H. Blount be, and he is, hereby respectfully invited to deliver said address to the General Assembly in joint session in the hall of the House of Representatives at 8 o'clock p.m., on the 13th of August."

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