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The undersigned respectfully request the appointment of Honorable Samuel T. Busey of Illinois as Commissioner of Pensions.

Colonel Busey had a very gallant and honorable career during the late war, which deserves to be stated somewhat at length.

He entered recruiting service as a Second Lieutenant, on June 15, 1862; went into camp at Kankakee, Illinois, on Aug. 6th, and was elected Captain of Co. B. 76 Ill. Inf.; was promoted Lieutenant Colonel on Aug. 18; and, on the resignation of Col. Mack, on Jan. 6th 1863, he took command of the Regiment near Holly Springs Miss.

Was commissioned Colonel, on May 12, 1863, in deference to the express wish of Adjutant General Thomas, after inspection. Joined Grant's Army in front of Vicksburg, May 19, 1863, and commanded for a time the extreme left; <sup>he</sup> advanced <sup>the</sup> left and captured the fort and gun that had sunk the Federal man-of-war. Occupied the most advanced position on the entire line, at the time of surrender. Occupied extreme right of the army at Jackson, at time of evacuation; was the first officer in the city, and organized the force to fight the fire. He had the advance position, at Canton Crossroads on July 6th, 1864; and was cut off from the command; but broke through the enemy's lines and rejoined his command, after sustaining severe loss, and being given up by Gen. Slocum, as lost. He led a charge and routed the enemy near Clinton La. in Aug. 1864; and this was pronounced by Gen. Herron the grandest movement he ever saw. Col. Busey received especial mention in the report of the Inspector General on General Grant's staff, as having the best drilled and disciplined Regiment

he had ever inspected.

He led in the assault on Fort Blakeley Ala., April 9, 1865, and was the first officer on the Fort, where he engaged in a fight single handed, with a gunsquad, killed the gunner and wounded two other men, and was himself wounded; but thus saved the lives of probably fifty of his men by preventing the firing of the flanking gun which proved to be double-shotted. He received the thanks of Generals Andrews, Steel, Canby and Grant; and was brevetted Brigadier General on their recommendation. He was mustered out at Galveston, July 24th, and discharged at Chicago Aug. 6th, 1865.

Since the war, Mr. Busey has conducted a successful banking business for twenty-one years, retiring in Dec. 1888; and was elected a member of Congress from the 15th District of Illinois in Nov. 1890, his opponent being the Hon. Jos. G. Cannon.