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SENATE CHAMBER,
DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 5, 1921.

The Senate met in memorial session at 7:30 p. m., President pro tem Newberry presiding.

GEORGE W. BALL

Senator Fulton, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee named to prepare a memorial to commemorate the life and service of George W. Ball, submit the following report:

George Washington Ball, son of Joseph and Margaret Langfit Ball, was born March 6, 1848, in Brooks county, Virginia. On his father's side he descended from the same family as Mary Ball, mother of George Washington, and on his mother's side from the same family as President James K. Polk.

His father, to escape from the contaminating and evil influence of slavery, in 1854, brought his family to Jefferson county, Iowa. Here the son George grew to manhood, and here lived an active and useful life. His education, obtained in the district school and Fairfield University, was substantial and practical. On October 31, 1872, he married Miss Margaret Laughlin, who bore him five sons and one daughter. In his earlier years he was engaged principally in farming and in the raising of stock, but in his later years he became interested in banking and in manufacturing enterprises. He belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and was a communicant of the Christian church. In politics, he was Republican. He served his district as a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies, and as senator in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies.

He was devoted to his family, loyal to his friends, helpful to his community. In business, he was found a wise counselor. No worthy cause

but received his support. Once enlisted, he put his heart in the work and was indefatigable in his efforts. He gave freely of his time and his means. On moral issues, he held to a high standard. He was firm in his beliefs and defended them against every foe with vigor and intelligence.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of George W. Ball, the Senate recognizes the loss of a valuable citizen who desired and labored to improve and upbuild his community and state, and takes this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public services, and to extend its sympathy to his family in their bereavement; and

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the journal and a copy of them transmitted by the secretary to the family of the deceased.

C. J. FULTON,
CHESTER W. WHITMORE,
J. D. BUSER.

The resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Buser spoke as follows:

It seems to me fitting that the memory of George W. Ball be commemorated by this body upon this occasion. While I did not have the pleasure of an extended acquaintance with Senator George Ball, my acquaintance only having extended over the period of two years during the session of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, I found much, and I know the other members of that Assembly and of previous assemblies in which the Senator was a member, have found much to love and respect in the character of George W. Ball. I can not forget the last night of the session of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, when at periods during the evening session we had interims in which we were not busy with the usual work of the session, and we resorted to the pastime of making short speeches and singing songs. Among others that responded, I may say rather reluctantly, was Senator Ball; and I say without fear of successful disputation that the Senator made one of the finest short addresses made at that time, and that there were few others that appealed as much to those present; that it was one of the best addresses that I have ever heard given in the Senate.

The one outstanding characteristic of Senator Ball was his great character and his wonderful personality, that every one who knew him surely understood and appreciated.

Senator Stoddard spoke as follows:

It is my privilege to have known Senator Ball only during the session of the Thirty-eighth General Assembly. I was just thinking as we began this evening session and his name was mentioned, that I remember very well the first time that I met him, and his kindly attitude to me at