

HON. GEORGE W. BALL

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public service of the Honorable George W. Ball, of Jefferson County, beg leave to submit the following report:

George W. Ball, was born in Brooks County, Virginia, March 6th, 1848. His father, Joseph Ball, was also a native of Virginia, and was a descendant from the same family as Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. His mother, Margaret Langfit Ball, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a cousin of President James K. Polk. Mr. Ball came to Jefferson County, Iowa, with his parents in the year 1854, where he resided until the time of his death, March 14th, 1920. He received his primary education in the district school and later attended the Fairfield University. He was engaged in various different businesses, but farming and stock raising was his principal occupation. He was married October 31, 1872, to Miss Margaret Laughlin, and to them were born five sons and one daughter. Mr. Ball was a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Thirty-sixth; and Senator in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. He was a member of the Christian church and of the I. O. O. F. He was loyal to his friends, his community, his state and his nation and offered to each the fullest measure of devotion. In every every good cause he was a faithful worker, and to every movement for the advancement of the community in which he lived he always gave of his time and means.

In the death of George W. Ball, the state has lost a useful citizen, his life and public services, were of high character and he will be remembered as an ideal patriot, citizen, neighbor and friend.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that in the death of George W. Ball the state has lost one of its most loyal citizens and that the House recognizes the high character of his services to the state and takes this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public services and to extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this House and that the Chief Clerk transmit a copy to the family of the deceased.

WM. L. LONG,
J. C. LOCKIN,
J. H. ANDERSON,

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1921.

REMARKS OF J. C. LOCKIN IN MEMORY OF THE LATE GEO. B. CURTIS, GEO. W. BALL AND F. F. ROE

MR. CHAIRMAN AND FRIENDS:—I come before you with mingled feelings. I am sad to think the friends of former days have passed from us, but am glad that I can look back and remember their work in this Hall,

in former years. I am able to speak of the work of the three men whose memorials have just been read, Mr. Geo. B. Curtis, of Clinton county, Mr. George Ball, of Jefferson county, and Mr. F. F. Roe, of Monona county. These three men with myself were members of the 22nd General Assembly, which convened January, 1887. I have always been glad that I was a member of the 22nd General Assembly, not only because of the notable men who sat in that body, but because of some of the outstanding legislation enacted at that session. Let me remind you of some of the men who composed that body: Sen. A. B. Cummins and James Berryhill, of this city; John R. Hamilton, of Cedar Rapids; James Smith, of Mitchell county; Hobson of Buena Vista; McFarlain, of Emmett; Dayton of Allamakee; Wilson, of Cass and many others. Five men from the House of the 22nd were afterwards elected to congress, one to the U. S. Senate, two became Secretary of State, two Railroad Commissioners and as you know, Mr. Curtis was one of the men who went to congress, Mr. Ball was elected to the State Senate several times. I want to speak about some of the legislation that was enacted in those early days which these men stood for and helped put on the statute books; first, the railroad laws that have stood the test of the courts for all these years and have been looked upon as the beginning of state control of the railroads; the abolishment of the pass system, when you remember that these men were given passes over every railroad in the state, at the beginning of the session. You will realize that it took strength of character to return the passes and enact a law that removed the corrupting influence of accepting such favors from the hands of the railroads. The county uniformity of textbooks and the laws forbidding mine owners paying the miners in script and compelling them to trade out their wages at the company's stores. All of these and many more measures, these men supported and stood against powerful influences which we, of this assembly, know nothing about. Mr. Curtis needs no eulogy from me for the people from his own county and congressional district, in repeatedly honoring him proved that they had confidence in him and that is the best evidence that he was strong and clean in business as well as politics. And I personally know of the respect and confidence in which Mr. Ball and Mr. Roe were held in their own communities; they not only did their best for the state while serving it, but stood for and supported the enterprises at home, that helped to develop high ideals in the people of their own communities.

Because of my intimate acquaintance with and appreciation of these three men, I have asked your indulgence while I add my testimony as a memorial to their life and service.

J. C. LOCKIN.