

# House Resolution 4 - Introduced

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4

### BY WILLS

1 A Resolution honoring Crampton Linley for his heroic  
2 efforts in containing the Iowa State Capitol fire of  
3 1904.

4 WHEREAS, Crampton Linley, an Australian, arrived in  
5 Iowa in the early 1900s and worked as a surveyor and  
6 architect; and

7 WHEREAS, Linley served as a consulting engineer for  
8 the Sturtevant Company, which was contracted to update  
9 the ventilating and heating systems within the Iowa  
10 State Capitol; and

11 WHEREAS, on January 4, 1904, while installing  
12 electrical lines throughout the Capitol, an electrician  
13 was using a candle while working on the second floor  
14 behind the House Chamber, which caused a fire that  
15 spread to the attic; and

16 WHEREAS, Linley, who was in the building at the time  
17 of the fire, crawled to the attic on his hands and  
18 knees in dense smoke through an air duct; and

19 WHEREAS, Linley closed a connecting door, which  
20 confined the fire to the north end of the Capitol and  
21 saved the remainder of the building; and

22 WHEREAS, Linley, upon the request of Governor Albert  
23 Cummins, was assessing the fire damage in the attic on  
24 January 5, 1904; and

25 WHEREAS, while assessing the damage, an area where  
26 Linley stood collapsed and he fell 47 feet to the House  
27 Chamber below, dying shortly thereafter; and

28 WHEREAS, the 1902-1906 Capitol Commission determined

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1 that Linley's heroic conduct on January 4, 1904, was a  
2 significant factor in containing the fire to the north  
3 wing of the Capitol; NOW THEREFORE,

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
5 the House of Representatives recognizes Crampton Linley  
6 for his extraordinary efforts and heroic actions on  
7 January 4, 1904, in containing the Iowa State Capitol  
8 fire, and honors him for his service to the state of  
9 Iowa.