

# JOURNAL OF THE SENATE

## MEMORIALS

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HENRY L. ADAMS

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Henry L. Adams, begs leave to submit the following:

Henry L. Adams, attorney, educator and legislator, was born on a farm near Maynard, Fayette county, Iowa, November 28, 1875, and died at Des Moines, Iowa, December 14, 1947. He graduated from the Maynard schools at sixteen and from Upper Iowa University at Fayette in 1897; was principal of the Waucoma schools for two years, and appointed county superintendent of schools for an unexpired term and was re-elected three times; resigned in 1905 and entered the law school of the University of Chicago, which he attended one year, then entered the law department of the State University of Iowa, and was admitted to the state bar in 1907; located at West Union in the firm of Rogers and Adams; elected State Senator in 1908 from the Allamakee-Fayette district, serving in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; moved to Des Moines in 1912, becoming attorney for the C. & N. W. Railway, and in more recent years specialized in insurance law; married in 1898 to Ina Holmes, of Fayette, a classmate, who graduated in the same college class, and who survives with two daughters, Mrs. Edward Rate, Iowa City, and Mrs. Paul Dowty, Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Adams was a vice president of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association of Iowa, a Republican, a Mason, and a member of the Prairie club of Des Moines.

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly:* That in the passing of the Honorable Henry L. Adams, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen and one who has contributed unselfish service to the state of Iowa.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

ARTHUR H. JACOBSON,  
WILLIAM LINNEVOLD,  
F. E. SHARP,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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JOSEPH H. ALLEN

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Joseph H. Allen, begs leave to submit the following:

Mr. Joseph Holmes Allen, attorney, banker and legislator, died at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, June 13, 1948; tributes were paid at services held in the First Congregational Church of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

Mr. Allen was born in Marshall county, Iowa, November 12, 1870. He grew up on his father's farm, was educated in the rural school, and Marshalltown high school, graduating from there in 1889. For two years he was engaged in banking and abstract business with his father and brothers at Laurens, Iowa. He had always taken a prominent part in civic affairs; was a member of the board of deacons and had taught an adult Bible class in the local Congregational Church. Was a past member of the board of the Civic and Commerce association and a member of that organization's industrial committee. A charter member of the VFW in Iowa, he affiliated with the local post and was its oldest member.

Having made and saved enough in a few years, he enrolled at the University of Iowa in 1891, and by combining the collegiate and law courses, was graduated from the two departments in 1895.

Located at Laurens in the practice of law; formed a company of volunteers at Laurens in 1898 for service in the Spanish-American War, but when it became evident that the organization could not be entered as a unit, he, with eleven others of the company, enlisted as privates in Company F., Forty-ninth Iowa volunteer infantry, remaining with the regiment until its return from Cuba.

Soon after returning home, June 29, 1899, he married Miss Grace Gilchrist, daughter of one of the founders and first president of the Iowa State Teachers College.

In 1900 he joined with his brothers in the establishing of a private bank at Pocahontas, Iowa. Was elected a member of the board of regents of the State University in 1902, and resigned to take a seat in the Iowa Senate upon election, serving from 1907 to and including 1916, from the Fiftieth district, composed of Pocahontas, Buena Vista and Humboldt Counties; resided at Pocahontas, Iowa, practicing law and in banking for twenty-five years; became a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in the 1916 state primary, receiving 48,000 votes, losing in a three-cornered race between himself, George Cosson and William L. Harding, the latter receiving the nomination.

In 1918, the Allen family moved to Des Moines, where Mr. Allen became interested in the First Mortgage Corporation of Iowa, serving as President thereof. Practiced law as a member of the firm of Allen & Whitfield. Was elected mayor of Des Moines in 1936, serving one term. During the term of office there were many changes in Des Moines municipal government and in public improvements. His campaigns brought him ardent support and his efforts in reform made fighting enemies.

He later moved to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, and engaged in the real estate and farm management business with his son Byron G. Allen, a former representative in the Iowa House from 1927 to 1931.

Surviving Mr. Allen are his wife, Grace; his daughter, Josephine; his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Byron G. Allen; grandchildren, Virginia and Eric G. Allen, third grandchild, Joseph W. preceded him in death, is buried beside him at Pocahontas.

Mr. Allen was a member of the Congregational Church, a 32nd degree

Mason; affiliated with the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity and Phi Delta Phi, a legal fraternity, and for several years had been annually recognized in "Who's Who" in America.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly:* That in the passing of Senator Allen, Iowa has lost a distinguished citizen, valued and honored; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service; a man of friendship and ability, and the Senate extends its most sincere sympathy to each and all of the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to forward enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

J. F. MILLER,

BURL N. RIDOUT,

PAUL E. MCCARVILLE,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### JAMES R. BARKLEY

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable James Robert Barkley, of Moulton, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

James Robert Barkley, lawyer, lecturer and legislator, died at Des Moines, Iowa, July 26, 1948; born in a log cabin in Davis county, Iowa, February 13, 1869, son of Thomas and Margaret Barkley; took an active part in farming from time he was nine years old; educated in the public schools and Drake University, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1894 at Moulton, Iowa, until 1907, after which and until 1927 he took an active part in Chautauqua work; together with Alonzo Wilson established what is credited as being the first chautauqua system in the United States, then known as the "Lincoln Chautauqua"; was campaign manager in 1912 for Mr. Wilson, who was a candidate for president on the national prohibition ticket; for twenty years was a widely known chautauqua lecturer and artist, billed as a cartoonist, artist, clay modeler and entertainer; traveled over a million miles and gave more than 4,000 lectures, chalk talks and clay modeling entertainments; developed early a strong dislike for spirituous liquors and continued an ardent prohibitionist until his death; was a tireless church worker, a ready public speaker and a top ranking, public spirited citizen; made notable progress in many fields, including music and amateur astrology; served as Senator from the Appanoose-Davis county district since 1944, but was not a candidate for re-election; from 1924 to 1928 was business manager of Buena Vista college, and from 1928 to 1930 field secretary of the Westminster Presbyterian college, Salt Lake, Utah; also worked with the Presbyterian denomination seeking large endowments for its schools and colleges; during World War I was a Y.M.C.A. entertainer overseas; served as a member and President of the Moulton