

# JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

## MEMORIALS

HON. WILLIAM S. ALLEN

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution and a befitting memorial on the life, character and public service of the Honorable William S. Allen, a member of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra General Assemblies, beg leave to report as follows:

William S. Allen was born at Hillsboro, Henry County, Iowa, August 26, 1857, and died at Fairfield, Iowa, December 6, 1925. His parents were Dr. Joseph Boyd and Dorthy Hammond Allen.

He obtained his early education in the Hillsboro public school. He then attended Denmark Academy, the academical department of the State University of Iowa, and was graduated from the law department of the State University in 1877. Upon being admitted to the bar he located in Birmingham, Van Buren County, and engaged in practice. He became president of the local school board and mayor of Birmingham.

He was married to Miss Ella McCormick of Mt. Pleasant, and to this union was born two children.

In 1893 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1895, serving in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth extra General Assemblies. In the meantime he had, in 1909, removed to Fairfield where he continued law practice.

In 1912 he was elected secretary of state and was re-elected in 1914, 1916 and 1918, but resigned April 3, 1919, to take effect July 1, 1919. He then returned to Fairfield and resumed his law practice.

Mr. Allen was an active member of the First Presbyterian church at Fairfield and always took an interest in community life and the public welfare. He is survived by his wife, two children, a son, Roy of Fairfield, a daughter, Mrs. George Jay, Jr. of Shenandoah and a sister, Mrs. J. M. Harper of Fairfield.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, By the House of Representatives of the Forty-second General Assembly, that in the death of Honorable William S. Allen this state has lost a loyal citizen, a man of fine ideals and public spirit, and this House by this resolution, tenders its sympathy to the family that survives; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the journal and an enrolled copy sent to the surviving members of the family.

A. V. BLACKFORD,  
J. P. KENNEDY,  
H. C. PATTISON,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted April 6, 1927.