

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable William Anderson the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen whose fidelity to duty, faithfulness in every public and private trust, and splendid character should be an inspiration to all for a higher ideal in life.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk directed to send an enrolled copy to the members of his family.

IRVING H. KNUDSON,
MARTIN H. TROUP,
RAYBURN L. RUTLEDGE,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 6, 1927.

HON. WILLIAM I. ATKINSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare memorial resolutions, commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable William I. Atkinson, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

William I. Atkinson was born in Butler county, Iowa, March 17, 1876. He attended country school in Butler county, and was graduated from the Clarksville High School. He attended Upper Iowa University at Fayette for three years, and taught school in the Dakotas. Later he attended the State University of Iowa where he did some special work in history and civil government. He entered the S. U. I. law school, and graduated in 1906. Following his return to Clarksville, he was married to Miss Rachel Patti Maxon, who died in 1909.

Mr. Atkinson was elected as representative from Butler county in 1912 and was re-elected in 1914, when he was chosen Speaker of the House. He was active in the support of the State University of Iowa during his membership in the legislature. During 1914 he was married to Miss Ila Fay Bertram, of Des Moines.

He was an enthusiast along athletic lines, and was a member of the football and baseball squads at both Fayette and Iowa City. He was always interested in clean sports and in the progress of boys and young people. He helped five young men through the State University of Iowa. His business life was spent in lyceum and chautauqua work. He was an officer of the International Chautauqua and Lyceum Association, the members of which have issued a memorial book in honor of him.

Mr. Atkinson died in the University hospital at Iowa City, August 1, 1925, and was buried at Clarksville, August 4, 1925.

In recognition of the value of his service to the state of Iowa and as an expression of our appreciation of his exemplary life and character:

Be It Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Forty-second General Assembly, that in the passing of the Honorable William I. Atkinson, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy of the same to Mrs. Atkinson, who now resides at 1624 Penn. Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

R. B. ECKLES,
E. M. LICHTY,
GEO. W. CHRISTOPHEL,
Committee.

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HON. THEODORE C. BLUME

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee which was appointed to prepare a memorial commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Theo. C. Blume, beg leave to report the following:

Theodore C. Blume was born in Marshall county, Illinois, December 10th, 1861. He died October 18th, 1925, at the Denison Hospital, Crawford County, Iowa, after a short illness. His early boyhood days were spent with his parents in Livingston County, Illinois. In 1880 the family moved to Iowa where they located on a farm in Hanover Township, Crawford County.

In 1884, Mr. Blume began teaching in the public schools of Crawford County. Later he attended school at Dexter Normal College, Dexter, Iowa, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree. He also attended Drake University at Des Moines. In 1891 he accepted a position as instructor in the normal department of Greer College at Hoopston, Illinois, where he remained until 1894, when he was elected city superintendent of the public schools of Dyersville, Iowa.

August 1, 1894, at Dubuque, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Amalia Girard. He and his wife purchased the old home place in Crawford County, and moved there in 1895 where they lived until Mr. Blume's death. The family still reside there. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Blume, namely, Clara, Rachel, Mary, Herman, Frederick and Hertha.

His family greatly miss their kindly, affectionate husband and father. He was a Christian gentleman and his wise counsel and good example will always be a guiding remembrance through the coming years.

Mr. Blume early became interested in public affairs of his county. He soon became known as a well read man with a superior education and a sincere desire to help bring about the brotherhood of man. In 1900, he was elected by the democratic voters as state representative from Crawford County. He served in the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Fortieth and Fortieth extra General Assemblies. His public life was never questioned. He stood at all times for what he thought was right regardless of consequences. His firmness of principle and honesty of purpose brought admiration from his friends and others as well.

He was a pioneer in the assisting of farm organizations. He unselfishly gave many hours of his time and thoughtful study to promoting farm