

HON. NELS LARSON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Nels Larson, beg leave to submit the following report:

Nels Larson was born on September 1, 1841, in Sogn, Nórway, and was the son of Lars and Karen Bakke Larson. With his father he came to America in 1854, stopping in Minnesota where they spent the winter. In the spring of 1855 they located in Winneshiek county where Mr. Larson resided until two years ago when he retired from his farm in Highland township and purchased a home in Spring Grove. He was married to Julia Kjome on July 29, 1862. Twelve children were born to them, eight of whom survive.

Mr. Larson cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and throughout his life was a staunch Republican. In 1879 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors and served for six years. He also served with distinction as member of the lower house of the Iowa legislature in the twenty-first and twenty-second general assemblies.

Mr. Larson, as a man, was honest and industrious; as a friend, he was loyal, helpful and sincere; as an official, he was diligent, painstaking and capable; and as a Christian gentleman, he had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was not only beloved by those who knew him but also trusted.

Be It Resolved, That in the death of Nels Larson the state has lost a worthy citizen. That it recognizes the high character of his services to the state, and that the House takes this occasion to acknowledge its recognition and express its high regard and 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, engrossed and duly authenticated by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House, be presented to the family of the deceased.

H. P. NICHOLSON, JR.,

LEE W. ELWOOD,

L. O. WIGDAHL,

Committee.

Adopted April 6, 1917.

HON. GEORGE W. BALL.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and public services of the Hon. George W. Ball, late member of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-first general assembly, submit the following report:

The subject of this memorial was born near Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, June 7, 1847.

His early life was spent upon his father's farm, where he remained until nearly of age, devoting a portion of his time in securing common

school education, which he supplemented by a course in a private school at Fairfield, and a course in Wesleyan University at Mt. Pleasant, which he finished in 1867. He entered the law department of the Iowa State University in 1868 and graduated from the class of 1869, being admitted to the practice of law in the State of Iowa, December 15th, 1869.

After his admission to the bar, he practiced for a short time in each of the cities of Des Moines, and Mt. Ayr in Iowa, and was admitted to the practice of law in Illinois, and practiced for a short time in Chicago.

In November, 1874, he moved to Iowa City, and was active in the practice of law for many years.

He was married January 1st, 1880, to Estella E. Walter. To this marriage were born four children, Geo. W. Ball, Jr., Walter M. Ball, Henry M. Ball and Edith Ball.

In church affairs, Mr. Ball was a pronounced Methodist, having served this church for many years as a member of the official board.

In politics, Mr. Ball was a Democrat. He was a member of the City Council of Iowa City from 1881-1883, Representative from Johnson County in the twenty-first general assembly from 1886-1887; State Senator in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth general assemblies, and was Mayor of Iowa City for two terms, from 1905-1909. He was a member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the First National Bank of Iowa City, and a member of the Board of Curators of the State Historical Society. He was prominent in the Masonic Lodge, of which he was a member.

During the last forty-five years of his life, Mr. Ball was identified with the growth and development of Iowa City.

He left surviving him his wife, Estelle E. Ball, and his children named above.

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle his memory to the respect and esteem of all who knew him;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public services and at this time extend to his bereaved family its sincere sympathy in their sorrow, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to forward an engrossed copy of same to the family of the deceased.

E. A. BALDWIN,
GEO. W. CROZIER,
A. L. RICHARDS.

Committee.

Adopted April 7, 1917.

HON. JOHN GIBBONS.

MR. SPEAKER--We, your committee appointed to prepare memorials to suitably commemorate the life and public service of the Honorable John Gibbons, respectfully report as follows: