

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the House and the chief clerk of the House be instructed to present an engrossed copy thereof to his family and to the Fairfield Ledger.

A. F. CASSEL,
A. F. N. HAMBLETON,
W. M. MCCREARY

Committee.

Adopted February 23d.

HON. CHARLES I. BARKER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draw and present resolutions relative to the death of Hon. Charles I. Barker of Burlington, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Charles I. Barker, a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, departed this life on the 6th day of October, 1904, at Burlington, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to command our respect and esteem, and his services to his State, his Country and his City, were such as to command the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the State has lost a citizen who was honorable and upright, and one whose valuable services were noted for the patriotism and fidelity to all public interests.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the House, and the chief clerk of the House be instructed to present an engrossed copy thereof, to the Burlington Gazette and one to the bereaved family.

HENRY RITTER,
C. C. COLCLO,
D. C. MOTT,

Committee.

Adopted.

REMARKS BY MR. RITTER.

MR. SPEAKER: I can not refrain from making a few remarks on the life and character of Chas. I. Barker. No higher tribute can be paid to the character of any man than to trustfully say that he was a worthy and respected citizen and was beloved by those with whom he lived. Such a man was Chas. I. Barker. For nearly forty years he was a

citizen of Burlington, locating there in 1867 and for many years he was the editor and publisher of the daily and weekly Burlington Gazette, one of the leading journals of his party in the state.

Through the strength of his individuality and his ability he was largely instrumental in shaping the doctrines of his party and the policies of his state, as well as being a tower of strength to his home city. Ever loyal to his friends and the interests of his community. Born amid the environments of the sturdy New Englanders in the state of New Hampshire in 1826, he developed that strength of manhood; that love for liberty; that noble Christian character that fitted him for the calling he followed with such ability during the greater part of his years of maturity. Early in life he entered the ranks of Journalism and continued in this profession until he reached the end of his earthly pilgrimage at the ripe old age of seventy-eight.

A man of positive convictions and with high ideals of right he left his imprint on the community in which he resided. Though active in the ranks of his party he seldom ever sought political honors and his election to the legislature was purely a compliment to his long continued service and as such he accepted his seat in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. He discharged his duties as a lawmaker with credit to himself and honor to the state. In the death of Chas. I. Barker one of the sturdy pioneers that did so well their part in moulding into form the development of our state, passed away, thus decreasing the ranks that grow thinner with each recurring year.

HON. WILLIAM TAYLOR.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Honorable William Taylor, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, Honorable William Taylor, an honored member of the Nineteenth General Assembly of Iowa, from Fayette county died at his home there on May 17, 1904; and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, his attainments and success so conspicuous as to be an incentive to all men to be upright, pure and true, and his services to the State and county of such a character as to command the confidence and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death his family are bereft of a kind and loving husband and father; his friends, an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, and the State an influential citizen. That our hearts are touched with sadness because of his death and we extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement. Be it further