

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.

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

school board, as Sunday school superintendent and elder of the Presbyterian church, and delegate to the national assembly; married Minnie Henke, November 5, 1896, who died in January, 1939; again was married to Mrs. Lou Holbert, whose death occurred July 8, 1948; survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lyman Wiltse, of Miami, Florida, and a son, Robert Barkley, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; was a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows and Modern Woodman orders and a Republican.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly: That in the passing of Senator James Robert Barkley the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen.

Be It Further Resolved: That this resolution be spread upon the records of the Journal of the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa, and that an enrolled copy thereof be transmitted to his son, Robert O. Barkley, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to his daughter, Kathleen Wiltse, Miami, Florida.

SHERMAN WEST,
PEARL W. McMURRY,
E. K. BEKMAN,
Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

AARON VALE BLACKFORD

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Aaron Vale Blackford of Bonaparte, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Aaron Vale Blackford was born on a farm near Hillsboro, Iowa, December 18, 1871, and died on August 31, 1948. He was a descendant of Martin Blackford, who came to this country in 1751, and settled in York county, Pennsylvania. His parents, John W. and Nancy Atland Blackford, came to Iowa in 1858, and settled on a farm near Hillsboro. His father was a member of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly, representing Henry county.

Senator Blackford secured his early education in the rural schools of Van Buren county, then attended Iowa Wesleyan academy. In 1897 he was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan college at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, with a degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his college career he served on the college debating team; he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and was chapter delegate to the national convention during his junior year. After leaving college, he taught school two years, then entered the hardware, implement and automobile business with his brother in Bonaparte, which association continued until his brother's death. He then engaged in the insurance and real estate business and was active until his last illness. For twenty years he served on the Bonaparte board of education.

He was a member of the Methodist church, a thirty-second degree Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Mystic Shrine and the order of the Eastern Star. He was a Republican in politics and served as repre-