

A. EARL AUGUSTINE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable A. Earl Augustine, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

A. Earl Augustine was born at Delta, Iowa, March 10, 1890, and lived to be 85 years of age.

A native of Mahaska County, Mr. Augustine attended high school in Delta, and attended William Penn College and the University of Iowa.

Mr. Augustine was elected state senator from Mahaska County in 1936 and served in the Iowa Senate through 1951. He was Democratic floor leader of the Senate for four sessions, and was a candidate for governor in 1942.

Mr. Augustine spent 18 months in the Soviet Union in 1930 and 1931 as an agricultural expert. He supervised a large swine farm there and taught Russians to raise hogs as they were raised in Iowa.

He died in Oskaloosa, Iowa, on November 16, 1975, and is survived by a son, Albert Augustine of Des Moines; a daughter, Ruth Sherman of La-Crosse, Wisconsin; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His wife, Ruth, and two sons preceded him in death.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable A. Earl Augustine, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service to his community, state and nation and tender its sympathy and kindest regards to 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 of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

BASS VAN GILST, Chairperson
EUGENE M. HILL
FORREST V. SCHWENGELS
Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ELMER K. BEKMAN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Elmer K. Bekman, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Elmer K. Bekman was born at Alton in Sioux County, Iowa, on August 18, 1900, the son of John and Cornelia Bekman. He graduated from Alton High School.

He received officer's training at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in World War I. He attended the University of Iowa where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1921 and bachelor of laws degree in 1923. Mr. Bekman was then admitted to the bar and engaged in the general practice of law in Ottumwa in Wapello County. For three terms, from 1927 to 1932, he was elected to serve as

Wapello County Attorney. He was a member of the Iowa State and Wapello County Bar Associations.

On June 18, 1924, he married Grace E. Redfield of Mason City in Cerro Gordo County. They had one daughter, Louise Bekman Larew, who now lives in Iowa City.

Mr. Bekman was first elected to the Iowa Senate in November, 1938. He served in the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth Extraordinary, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extraordinary, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth General Assemblies. While a member of the General Assembly he was chairman of the Social Security, Judiciary and Insurance Committees. In his long service as a legislator, Senator Bekman also served as a member of many other committees and was instrumental in the adoption of important legislation. He was also a member of the Pioneer Lawmakers Association.

Mr. Bekman was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Ottumwa, the past president of the Wapello County Historical Association, a former trustee for Parsons College in Fairfield, a former board member of the Westminster Foundation in Iowa City, and a member of Barracks 1510 of World War I Veterans.

He died at Ottumwa on January 29, 1976, at the age of 75 and is survived by his wife and daughter, three grandchildren, one brother and one sister.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Elmer K. Bekman, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service to his community, state and nation and tender its sympathy and kindest regards to 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 of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

GENE W. GLENN, Chairperson
FORREST V. SCHWENGELS
BASS VAN GILST

Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ANDREW B. BELL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Andrew B. Bell, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Andrew B. Bell was born in Aspinwall, Crawford County, Iowa, December 7, 1886. Reared on a farm in the same county, he attended Denison Normal College, from which he was graduated in 1909. Later he attended the State University of Iowa and was graduated from the Law Department of Drake University in 1912.

On February 12, 1929, Mr. Bell was married to Clara Curry of Denison. They had one son, Robert. Mr. Bell's wife predeceased him in 1957.