

VERNON BENNETT

VERNON BENNETT was born on August 18, 1936 in Winterset, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett. Vernon graduated from East High School and lived in the Polk County area his entire life.

Vernon worked as a truck driver and was an active union leader. He served as business representative, vice-president, and president of Teamsters Union 147 in Des Moines. Vernon also worked as a real estate agent.

Vernon loved politics and was an avid NASCAR fan. He particularly enjoyed the races at Talladega. He also was a fan of the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Chicago Bears.

A Democrat, Mr. Bennett was a member of the Sixty-second, Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth General Assemblies. (1967-1972)

Vernon Bennett died on November 30, 2008 at the age of 72.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-Third General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Vernon Bennett, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

BRUCE HUNTER
KEVIN M. MCCARTHY
RICK OLSON
Committee

 BLYTHE CHARLES CONN

BLYTHE CHARLES CONN was born May 19, 1908 in Burlington, the son of John Thomas Conn and Mary Louise Sleeter. He graduated from Burlington High School and received his B.S. and J.D. degrees from the University of Iowa.

Blythe married Gladys Viola Trailer in 1935. They lived in Burlington where Blythe practiced law.

Blythe compiled an extensive lifetime record of public service. He served as the Des Moines County Attorney, Judge for the Burlington Municipal Court and President of the Burlington School Board. He was very involved and held many leadership positions in community, fraternal and professional activities which included: the Burlington Chamber of Congress, the Southeast Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts, the Iowa State and Des Moines County Bar Associations, Masons, Elks, Farm Bureau, Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Delta Phi. He was voted Burlington Citizen Number One in 1960.