

versally loved and admired helpmeet. The name of Blythe is not one that will soon be forgotten by this community."

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That, in the passing of the Honorable James E. Blythe, the state of Iowa has lost a valued and honored citizen, a conscientious statesman and the family a loving husband and father.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to each member of the family of the deceased.*

HERMAN M. KNUDSON,  
CLAUS RANDALL,  
WILLIAM KRUSE,  
ARTHUR C. BLATT,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE RANSOM J. BIXBY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Ransom J. Bixby, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, serving in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra Sessions, begs leave to report as follows:

Ransom James Bixby, son of the Reverend Newell W. and Ruby Knapp Bixby, was born March 29, 1854, on the Bixby Homestead, three miles northwest of Edgewood, Iowa, and passed quietly away at his home in Edgewood on November 18, 1940, after a year's illness. His parents came from Vermont in 1847 as pioneer workers under the Free Baptist Mission Board. In this family were four children, deeply devoted to one another, and the two eldest, Dr. Sylvanus N. Bixby and Thera Bixby True, had gone before and were awaiting the coming of their brother to the Eternal Home.

From his seventeenth year, when he began teaching rural school, he served the public in one capacity or another until the end of his life, and had a statewide circle of friends. He received his higher education from Wilton College at Wilton, Iowa, graduating as valedictorian of his class, then taught in Delaware, Clayton and Cedar counties. He was principal of the Edgewood school when he was married to Miss Flora Blanchard, also a teacher in the school. The same year he entered into partnership with his father-in-law, Dr. Lewis Blanchard, in the mercantile business, and later established the village drug store, which he continued to operate until 1898 when he retired from commercial pursuits to concentrate on farming interests. In 1909 he opened an insurance and real estate office which he operated until 1923. Nearly everyone in the community went to him for advice and help in their legal and business problems.

Mr. Bixby was sent in 1904 as Representative from Delaware county to the state legislature where he served three terms, the Thirtieth, the Thirty-first, The Thirty-second, and the Thirty-second Extra sessions. He

introduced the Bixby bill on the preservation of forests, also bills for the advancement of agricultural interests, and was in charge of the move for the establishment of the women's reformatory and many pure food and temperance measures. He was one of the oldest members of the Pioneer Law Makers' Association and for more than twenty-five years was chairman of the Delaware County Republican Central Committee. His services were frequently required as member of the local board of education. He was affiliated with Avalon Lodge No. 606, A. F. and A. M., also with Avalon Chapter No. 434, O. E. S., of which he had been worthy patron.

The surviving members of the family are a sister, Mrs. Lucina Buckley, two daughters, Angie F. Bellamy and Ruby L. Smith, all of Edgewood; and two sons, Ralph L. Bixby of Orcas, Washington, and Sylvan N. Bixby of Hopkinton, Iowa; also nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Ransom J. Bixby, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.*

HUGH W. PARKER,  
F. E. SHARP,  
HERBERT G. SEEMANN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE E. P. BARRINGER

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable E. P. Barringer, a former member of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Emmet Perry Barringer, son of Peter E. and Amanda Ward Barringer, was born at Big Springs, Wisconsin, April 6, 1857. The family came to Palo Alto county in 1873.

Mr. Barringer received his education in the Emmetsburg high school. He later entered the teaching profession and taught fourteen terms. In 1887, Mr. Barringer was appointed deputy treasurer of Palo Alto county. In 1892 he was elected county supervisor, an office he held for two terms. During his third term he resigned to become a candidate for the Iowa state legislature. He served in this capacity during the Twenty-eighth General Assembly. Here, as in all of his activities, he could be depended upon to act justly and conscientiously in any legislation that came to his attention. His record in the Iowa legislature is one that his family and his Palo Alto constituents can review with pride.

E. P. Barringer passed away at his home at Ruthven, Iowa, November 8, 1940, following an illness of short duration. However, due to his advanced age he had been in failing health for several months prior to his