

the House is hereby instructed to transmit an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

R. J. BIXBY,  
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*Committee.*

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**HON. WILLIAM BLAIN.**

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft and present suitable resolutions relative to the life and public services of the late Hon. William Blain, respectfully submit the following:

The Hon. William Blain, who was an honored member of this House in the Nineteenth General Assembly as a representative from Marion county, departed this life at his home in Knoxville, Iowa, on the 31st day of October, A. D., 1905.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 22, 1823, where he resided during his early boyhood, removing to Ohio in 1835, but imbued with the inviting possibilities of the West, he emigrated to our sister state of Illinois in 1850, where he resided until 1855, at which time he settled in Marion county, Iowa.

On August 2, 1862, he responded to the call to arms, and enlisted as a soldier of the Civil War, defending his flag until his discharge on August 9, 1865. By devotion to duty, he advanced from the office of second Lieutenant to that of Captain of his company.

At the close of the war, he returned to his adopted home in our beloved Iowa, devoting his remaining years to the material interests of his home, his family and the community in which he lived. A man of affairs, ever interested in local, state and national questions, a worthy and influential citizen, conscientious, patriotic, and unfaltering in his devotion to the faith of conviction; conservative, yet charitable; a Christian gentleman, whose death is a bereavement and irreparable loss not only to his family, but to all who knew him—a bereavement which cannot be removed by any tribute of ours; nevertheless, we desire to offer our token of esteem and to record our appreciation of the worth of our departed brother and co-worker, who has answered the roll call of the messenger of death beckoning him to the hope beyond the grave; Therefore, be it

*Resolved* By the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first General Assembly, that

These resolutions be adopted and spread at length upon the Journal; that the chief clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

Adopted.

LORENZO D. TETER,  
R. M. WRIGHT,  
F. M. EPPERSON,

MR. SPEAKER. If all of life were but its living; if all its pleasures were graduated in the bushel of selfish cheer; if all its joys were measured by tears and smiles, by sunshine or shower; if all its good were meted out only in proportion to the length of the span of years that stretch across the valley from the cradle to the grave, then how unfortunate that man should live beyond the tender years of innocent childhood. But not so. The Creator, in His wisdom, has ordained that man may be the arbiter of his own fortune, and has made it possible that life may be measured by something more than years. He who lives not alone for self, but for others as well; he who endeavors so to live that the burdens of his fellow travelers along the stony pathway of life may be more easy to bear, lives well, lives nobly, lives best; and lives more of life, e'en though his years are few, than does

The wretch, who, concentrated all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown;  
And, doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust from which he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

Our brother; and our friend, was one of whom it may well be said that he lived much of life. His unswerving devotion to high ideals and condemnation of wrong wherever and in whomsoever found, might well be emulated by us all. No better evidence of his good character, and of his perfect manhood could be offered than the esteem of those who knew him best. No better test of the purity of his heart could be found than the affectionate and solicitous attachment to his home, his family and his friends. No better criterion of his devotion to the faith of conviction than the badge of honor which he wore. Slow of decision; yet, steadfast in purpose. Conservative; yet, charitable—and of that broader kind that lends a helping hand to the weak and an encouraging word to the unfortunate. That kind of charity that meets the accuser with the divine injunction, He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone.

At the close of a life well spent, and crowned with the glorious effulgence of the beautiful rays of the sunset of the affectionate admiration of all who knew him, the subject of this resolution sank into a peaceful taciturnity of all earthly sorrow and closed his eyes to the grand, sweet music of the sirenic dream of