

upon the journal of the Senate as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased, and an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to the widow.

W. A. CLARK,
CHAS. D. BOOTH,
LLOYD ELLIS,
Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

JAMES L. BROOKHART

James L. Brookhart, member of the Senate of Washington and Henry counties during the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Fortieth extra and Forty-first sessions, who died at his home in Washington, Iowa on November 11, 1926, was born on a farm in Scotland county, Missouri, September 9, 1871; and his childhood was that customary to one of a family of ten children on a middle western farm in those days. There was much of hardship in it.

At the age of seventeen years he left his father's farm, then in Van Buren county, Iowa, and began teaching school. During the summer he worked on the farm. He was truly a self-made man, endowed with a desire for knowledge and an ambition to serve the public. He came to Washington in 1894 and put himself through the Washington Academy, graduating therefrom in 1896, after which he became principal of the Wallace school. While thus engaged he read law in the office of his brother, Smith W. Brookhart, and he fitted himself for the practice of his profession. In 1898 he was admitted to the bar of this county and the same year was appointed county attorney to fill out the unexpired term of his brother during the latter's service in the Spanish-American War. In 1918 he was elected State Senator, which office he held until his death, and in the Legislature he was very active in every movement which he believed to be in the interest of the general public.

James L. Brookhart has left behind him an enviable memory with those of us whose privilege it has been to work with him. Always courteous, friendly and dignified in the court room or Senate chamber, he was honorable, straightforward and absolutely dependable in his business relations with his brother lawyers and lawmakers. Any professional or lawmaking undertaking of his was scrupulously adhered to without any equivocation or evasion whatsoever, and diligent and resourceful in the defense of his district's interest. His loss will be deeply felt by the community and state as well as by his family to whose interests he was so devoted.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of James L. Brookhart, the state of Iowa has lost a faithful, able and esteemed citizen whose passing was untimely and whose death we mourn. To his bereaved wife

and daughter we tender our deepest sympathy and share with them in their loss of a kind and indulgent husband, a tender, loving and thoughtful father, and in our loss of our friend and fellow lawmaker.

WILLIAM CARDEN,
A. J. SHINN,
GEO. CLEARMAN,

Committee.

Senator Carden spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE: It is with a sense of sadness that we are called upon at this time to express our sorrow at the apparent untimely going of our friend and former member of this body, James L. Brookhart. Little less than two years ago this distinguished and active lawmaker was manifesting that influence in this body, doubtless little thinking that in such a short time his mortal remains would have passed away. We desire to express most deeply our sympathy to the wife and daughter of our former member in the Senate.

You Senators who were members of this body two years ago and longer, remember well the good qualities of Mr. Brookhart, how actively and earnestly he worked in the fulfillment of the obligations of his charge to the people and how fervently he maintained his position in matters in making of the laws in which he was interested. His name is written in many of them and we are sure that his friends and associates, during the many years of his activity and usefulness in his home county, as well as in the state, will appreciate his labors in their behalf.

Many of you have testified to his work in former sessions and it is indeed a most happy tribute for you to thus speak relative to your former associate. He has lived an active life, he has been a busy man, his life has been cut off in the zenith of his activity and power and we can only say in the words of the prophet of old, "He has finished his course," and we must accept the decision which sooner or later will come to one and all of us.

Senator Shinn spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: *It certainly affords me great pleasure to make a few remarks in this memorial for Senator J. L. Brookhart. It was my privilege to be associated with Senator Brookhart in the last three sessions of the Iowa State Senate. Those who knew him best loved him most. He was noted for his honesty and integrity. It can be truthfully said that he was a very valuable man in the Legislature for the people in the state of Iowa, that he was always ready and willing to take a stand for that which he considered was right and just between man and man. He had the moral courage to stand by his convictions.

It was my privilege to visit his home town and attend his funeral. I talked with many people in his home town, especially the young men, who said that their lives were better by their associations and acquaintance with the Senator. It can be truthfully said that the world is better by him having lived in it.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.