

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Cassius M. Brown, beg leave to submit the following report:

CASSIUS M. BROWN.

Cassius M. Brown, a member of this body during the Nineteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies, died at his home, Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa, on May 8, 1913. Mr. Brown was a native of the state of Ohio, where he was born on November 9, 1845. His father, Garretson Brown, was born in Maryland, and his mother, Miss Anna Holland, was born in West Virginia. He has the unique record of being the last senator to serve his district in the old capitol building and the first one to serve the district in the present capitol building. He was a lawyer by profession and took an active part in the civil war. He was married early in life to Miss Flora Sampson, daughter of Colonel Ezekiel Sampson, who were also residents of Sigourney, Iowa. Mr. Brown was a man whom his fellow citizens and neighbors delighted to honor. He was active in religious affairs and in all those movements that had for their purpose the betterment of the community and the uplifting of mankind. He was always faithful and efficient in his service, but over and above all these things, he was a genial, helpful and sympathetic friend. He went to his grave after a long and useful life and in the midst of his work, being found dead in his office on the 8th day of May, 1913. His record is clean and it will be a source of pride and satisfaction to his family and his state until the end of time.

Resolved, That in his death the community and state lost a worthy and upright citizen and an honorable man, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

C. C. LAFFER.

J. M. WILSON.

JNO. R. PRICE.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Laffer in rising to move the adoption of the resolutions, spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS—As you all know I make no pretense as to oratory but I could not miss this opportunity of saying a few words about the life and character of my friend who is now gone and who was once a member of this Senate.

Cassius M. Brown's word was as good as his bond. His name was synonymous with truth and integrity. His life was clean and his record untarnished. His family was his world and devotion and self-sacrifice were the key-notes of his character. He was a simple, unassuming, plain, matter-of-fact, business man to the world. To the poor and unfortunate he was a tender and sympathetic friend. In his home he was a child with his children; a boy with his boy, the best chum of his girls and up

to the day of his death, his wife's devoted lover and companion in the truest sense of the word. Out-spoken, quick to censure what he believed to be wrong and ready to fight to the death for what he believed was right, he had justly earned the full confidence and respect of his fellows and the love of those of us who had the honor of being more closely associated with him. His great, earnest heart suffered for the woes of all humanity and he would have shared his last crust with friend or foe in need. His life was a burst of sunshine and his friends miss that hearty laugh and that smile that he always wore and that hand that was always extended in good fellowship. The little children of Sigourney miss him. He loved them and always had a kind word for them and for all the boys and girls. In fact Cassius M. Brown loved all the world and if he had an enemy, we do not know it. He was a good, true friend and more cannot be said of any man.

Life is real; life is earnest,
 And the Grave is not its goal,
 Dust thou art to dust returneth,
 Was not spoken of the soul.
 Not enjoyment and not in sorrow
 Is our destined end or way.
 But to act, that each to-morrow,
 Finds us farther than today.

H. C. BURGESS.

Senator Enger, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee who was appointed to draft resolutions commenting on the life, career and public services of the Honorable H. C. Burgess, late of Cresco, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Hon. H. C. Burgess, of Cresco, Iowa, Senator from the Forty-second District during the Thirty-second and Thirty-third General Assembly, was born in Fairfield, Maine, December 20, 1846. In 1864 he came with his parents to Iowa and located at Lansing. Two years later he moved to Howard county and soon afterwards took charge of a lumber yard for Fleming Bros. in whose employ he remained for seventeen years and had charge of the yards in Ossian and Hull, Iowa, and in Mitchell, S. D., and finally in Cresco. In 1885, after six years' stay in Cresco, he bought out his employers and continued the lumber business there. This business he pursued actively until about 2 years ago when failing health forced him to retire and he turned the business over to his sons, who for years had been actively associated with him. Besides this business in Cresco he also established prosperous lumber yards in neighboring towns in his county which are now operated by his sons. In 1869 he was united in marriage to Miss Emily J. Copper. To this union was born four sons. The eldest died in infancy. The others—Charles, Ray and Joseph—grew up to manhood and as above mentioned associated themselves with their father's business. After failing health forced him to retire from business he spent as much of his time as his health would permit in the enjoy-