

leaders in the state, a man of strong character and sterling worth, a man of high ideals in Christian living, and the House would tender by this resolution its sympathy to the family who survives.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the family of the deceased

O. J. REIMERS,
W. WALTER WILSON,
Z. S. RATLIFF,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

HONORABLE CLINTON S. CROUSE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable Clinton S. Crouse, former member of the House of Representatives from Adams County, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Honorable Clinton S. Crouse, who represented Adams County in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, was born in Chester County, Pa., February 10, 1846. He moved with his parents to Savannah, Illinois, in 1856 and 1867 they moved to Sonora, Illinois, where they lived until 1875, when they moved to Adams County, Iowa. Here he followed the occupation of farming.

Mr. Crouse was a most highly respected, thoroughly honest, able, earnest and conscientious citizen. He died in Prescott, Adams County, Iowa, April 21, 1924, at the age of 78 years.

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased, and his long exemplary service calls for such as to place his memory among those highly respected and esteemed in the state of Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa, take this occasion to express its appreciation of the character and service of the deceased and at the same time to extend sympathy to the family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward to the family of the deceased an engrossed copy.

JOHN M. BIXLER,
IRA A. GRIPP,
ARTHUR LEONARD,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

HON. JOHN E. BRUCE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable John E. Bruce begs leave to submit the following:

John Edward Bruce was born December 21, 1861, in Lake County, Illinois, the oldest son of Joshua and Elizabeth Ann Bruce, and departed this life at Rockford, Iowa, Saturday, March 22, 1924. In 1862 he came with his parents to Floyd County, Iowa, and located on a farm north of Charles City, but they later returned to Kane County, Illinois, and settled on a farm there, where he grew up and where he worked during the summer months and attended school during the winter time. He later attended an academy at Dundee, where he made an excellent record. In the year 1880 he returned with his parents to Floyd County, Iowa, making the trip overland, this time settling on a farm near Rockford, where a comfortable home was soon provided; and here the mother still resides, being advanced in years; but his father passed away several years ago. They were always known to their neighbors for their industry and piety.

Mr. Bruce was married on December 24, 1884, to Myrtle N. Crissey, a native of Illinois, who survives him. To this union four children were born, all of whom survive him: Roy F. of Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. E. Vera Witzel of Charles City, Iowa; Clarence E. of Rockford, and Mrs. Bernice L. Belshaw, of Rockford, Illinois. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Baldock and Mrs. Clarence Crowell, both of Rockford; and by five grandchildren.

Early in life Mr. Bruce united with the Baptist church at Rockford and continued in that faith. At the time of his death he was an active member of several civic organizations and always took an active interest in all the affairs of the community. Politically, he was a republican and was one of the leaders of the party of the state, where his influence has been potent for the general good. He was elected from the eighty-eighth district to the Thirty-fourth General Assembly in 1910, and, making a good record that won the hearty approval of his constituents, was reelected for a second term—to the Thirty-fifth General Assembly—when he again distinguished himself, doing much for the good of Floyd county and for the state in general. He introduced the Bruce amendment to the constitution for equal suffrage in his last term of the legislature. He also helped to secure the normal training course in our high school, which we now enjoy the benefits of. He also served as trustee of Rockford township for a period of twelve years, and as justice of the peace for six years. As a public servant, in all capacities in which he has been placed, he has discharged his duties ably, loyally and honestly, to the satisfaction of all concerned, irrespective of party alignment.

He was one of the early members of Sirius Lodge No. 323 A. F. & A. M. and he retained his membership and interest to the end, having served in the various elective offices of the lodge with credit to himself and honor to the fraternity. He was also a member of Mt. Zion Chapter No. 106 R. A. M., Fidelity Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., and Shell Rock Camp No. 382 M. W. A.

Mr. Bruce was active in sponsoring the DeMolay Chapter for boys and the Rainbow Chapter for girls in his community, thus showing his interest in the affairs of the young people of the community, who are to be the future citizens of this country.

In his family life he was a loving son, an affectionate husband and an indulgent father.

LAFE HILL,
HEIKE A. RUST,
G. E. SWANSON,

Committee.

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HON. J. H. MCGHEE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character, and public services of the late Honorable J. H. McGhee of Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

James H. McGhee was born of Scotch parentage on a farm near Postville, Iowa, June 8, 1861. He died in Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, December 29, 1924.

He received his education in the public schools in and near Postville. At an early age he engaged in the implement business and continued in this line until 1882, when he moved to Waukon, Allamakee County, Iowa, and there took up the live stock and farming business.

In 1885 he was married to Sophie Jenewein, who died in 1893. To this union were born three children.

In 1894 Mr. McGhee was elected sheriff of Allamakee county, which office he held six years. He established a record for administration of that position which is much respected to this day. He also held other offices of trust in the communities in which he lived. In 1903 he moved to Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, where he purchased a farm and began buying and selling live stock, which occupation he continued until 1918, when he was elected state representative by the republican party. He filled this office with credit to himself and county and was re-elected in 1920. In 1922 he was elected mayor of Mason City, carrying every precinct in the city. This office he held at the time of his death.

Mr. McGhee was a good man. He was honest, kind hearted and considerate and was faithful to the trusts imposed upon him; he was a man of strong convictions, who had the welfare of his community and state ever at heart and looked only to the interest of the people whom he served.

In the death of James H. McGhee, Cerro Gordo county and the state of Iowa have sustained a great loss.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public service and at this time extend to his surviving children its sincere sympathy 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 children of the deceased.

C. A. KNUTSON,
JOHN H. AIKEN,
CHAS. W. HUFF, *Committee.*

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