

He is survived by seven children all of whom were with him at the time of his death; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered at length in the Journal of the House and the chief clerk be instructed to present an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

R. J. BIXBY,  
J. D. SHAFFER,  
PHILIP HELES,

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HON. A. W. BUCHANAN.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to submit suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public service of the Hon. A. W. Buchanan of Wapello county, beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. A. W. Buchanan was an honored and respected member of the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth General Assemblies departed this life at his home in the city of Ottumwa on the 11th day of June 1904 and whereas we recognize the fidelity and integrity with which he discharged his duty in every station in life, his efficient and able public career, his private life and character above reproach, his manly bearing and courteous manners, gained for him the confidence, respect and esteem of his neighbors, friends and those most closely associated with him in every walk of life. *Therefore be it*

*Resolved*, That in his death the family are bereaved of a kind and affectionate husband, the community in which he resided an honest and upright man and the State and Nation a useful and honorable citizen,

*Resolved*, that we extend to the family of the deceased who are bowed with grief and sorrow our earnest sympathy in this their sad affliction and request the clerk of this House to transmit an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the bereaved widow and that the same be spread upon the Journal of this House as a part of the records thereof.

F. M. EPPERSON,  
N. E. KENDALL,  
W. M. MCCREARY,

Adopted.

REMARKS BY EPPERSON.

MR. SPEAKER: In presenting the foregoing resolution, I wish briefly to offer my personal observations of the life and character of my predecessor, A. W. Buchanan.

Mr. Buchanan was born in the State of New Jersey on the 4th day of February, 1848, spent most of his early life in the State of Illinois, coming to Wapello county in 1870, locating on a farm, where he remained until 1878, when he removed to the city of Ottumwa, where he engaged in the wholesale flour, feed, and grain business, which he continued until his death. He died June 11, 1904, aged fifty-six years. And for thirty-four years of this time he was a resident of Wapello county.

Mr. Buchanan was an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, was for four years a member of the Ottumwa city council, and prominent in every worthy movement in the community in which he resided. He was three times elected to the legislature, and would, if living, have been a member of the present general assembly. His record in this legislative body is one to which we may refer with commendable pride. Having been chosen on several important committees, he dignified his prominent position by the excellence of his judgment, and his conscientious devotion to duty. These characteristics, together with his straightforwardness and courtesy, won for him the confidence and esteem of those who knew him best. I believe I express the sentiment of every member of this House, as well as that of his constituents, when I say he was a man of unusually high character, a man whose sterling qualities of heart and mind served as a magnet to develop higher ideals in those with whom he came in contact. His record, both public and private, is an open book, without a stain of immorality, deception, fraud or corruption; and, while his career was cut short by death, few men had gained a firmer hold upon the good will of the people of his county, or more thoroughly deserved their confidence, than Representative Buchanan. There comes to my mind in reviewing his life during the twenty-five or more years of my acquaintance with him, a succession of tasks well done, a series of modest achievements of constant endeavor to lift humanity to a higher plane. A long training in the humbler and less ostentatious affairs of life before he was called to discharge the more important duties that belonged to citizenship eminently fitted him for the career upon which he entered as representative. In his earlier manhood, he exhibited little ambition for the honors of political life, but quietly allied himself to principles and party, never doubtful in his allegiance, but with a breadth of culture which enabled him to accord to those differing from him, full credit for integrity of purpose, and to hold the differences of partisan opinion in an atmosphere of neighborly kindness and good-will. Mr. Buchanan died an honored member of this assembly. The enduring confidence of the people, which he enjoyed in life, was fully illustrated by the universal sorrow which followed the news of his fatal sickness. As with courageous heart he had met and conquered the difficulties and hardships of life, so with patient fortitude he bore the afflictions of disease. Death had no terrors, the future no shadow, for this man of humble Christian faith.

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