

HENRY W. BURMA

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Henry W. Burma begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Henry W. Burma was born on November 7, 1894, in Washington Township, Butler County, Iowa, son of Harm F. and Anna Nuttbrook Burma.

He attended Butler County rural schools, Bristow, Iowa, and the University of Dubuque.

On June 30, 1924, Mr. Burma married Katheryn McGinn, and to this union two children were born: Marjorie and Charles Henry.

He served in World War I with the 351st Infantry, 88th Division, Supply Company, spending most of his time in France.

He was Butler County sheriff from 1923 to 1937.

Mr. Burma was the first chairman of the Board of Assessment and Review in Butler County, first chairman of Butler County Soil Conservation Commission, receiving a plaque of award for his interest in 1957. He was a fifty-year member of the Butler County American Legion and served as its first commander; also a fifty-year member of the Masonic Order and Eastern Star; master of ceremony at the Butler County Fair for forty years; member of Butler County Historical Society; Cedar Rapids Consistory and El Kaher Temple; and Allison School Board member.

A Republican, Mr. Burns served as State Representative from Butler County in the Forty-seventh, Forty-eighth, and Forty-ninth General Assemblies and was Speaker of the House during the Fiftieth and Fiftieth Extra General Assemblies.

He was one of the principal sponsors of the law that created the Iowa Department of Public Safety. He served on the Iowa Board of Control from 1949-1957, was a Juvenile Probation Officer for seven counties, retiring after thirteen years in the spring of 1972.

Mr. Burma passed away December 8, 1974, at his home, of leukemia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katheryn, in 1957, his son, Charles, in 1973, and daughter, Marjorie, in 1974. Surviving are his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Burma of Allison, Iowa; son-in-law, David Barber, Rockford, Illinois, and six grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Henry W. Burma, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

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Committee