

Robert Bruce was born March 18, 1875, in Pocahontas county, a son of the late Honorable James J. and Mary Jane Bruce. His birthplace was in the old town of Rolfe, which was moved to its present site after the railroad was built.

He attended the public school at Rolfe and graduated from the Rolfe high school June 17, 1892. Graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa, June 8, 1897, and from the Iowa Business College, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1894, and followed the profession of banking.

On October 11, 1899, he was united in marriage to Carol Mirth Ritchey. One adopted son, Howard, and a niece, Dorothy Bruce, were reared in this happy home and much of his life and constant effort was devoted to their care and education.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Masonic Lodge. He was elected Representative and served in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. In politics he was a Republican, and he served his community and state well.

His father, James J. Bruce, served in the Twenty-first General Assembly, and a brother, Marion Bruce, served in the Forty-fifth and Forty-fifth Extra General Assemblies.

Robert Bruce passed away September 28, 1936. Surviving are his wife, adopted son, Howard Bruce, his niece, Dorothy Bruce, one sister, four brothers, and a wide circle of relatives and friends.

The book of life is closed for Robert Bruce but the deeds recorded there still live in the hearts of those who knew him, and our lives are richer because this man walked with us in friendship.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Robert Bruce, the state of Iowa has lost a valued and honored citizen, a man of great character and worth, and the House of Representatives of Iowa, by this resolution, tenders its sympathy to the family of the deceased.

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.

JENS THOMPSON,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
GEO. H. KEENEY,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

HONORABLE MYRON LE ROY BURT

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the late Honorable M. L. Burt, a member of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Myron Le Roy Burt was born on a farm in Marshall county, Illinois, June 24, 1878, of Scotch descent. In 1887 he moved with his parents to Rockford, Winnebago county, Illinois, where he attended school until

1890, when he went with his parents to Dighton, Lane county, Kansas, where in 1897 he graduated from high school. From 1892 to 1897 he worked after school and Saturdays in a printing office learning the printers' trade, and the summer of 1897, immediately after graduating from the high school, accepted a position on the Kansas City Journal. Remained there only a short time, going from there to Rockford, Illinois, and entering the employment of the Rockford Edison Company during which time he completed a course of study in electrical engineering in the Scranton School of Correspondence. Remained with the Rockford Edison Company until 1902, when he engaged in the electric lighting business at Bedford, Taylor county, Iowa. He was elected Representative from Taylor county in 1908 and re-elected in 1912.

About 1914 he moved to Creston, Union county, Iowa, where he was engaged in the newspaper business and in which city he served as mayor during the years 1925 and 1926. In 1936 he moved back to his old home near Rockford, Illinois, and there concluded his lifetime on February 25, 1938.

Mr. Burt was a member of the Republican party and as a public servant, Mr. Burt was actuated only by a sense of duty to the trust that was committed to him. His death has left a gap in his community that is not likely to be soon filled. He served his state well and Iowa has lost a valuable citizen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable M. L. Burt, the state has lost a valued and beloved citizen, and the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly would tender, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his family 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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JAMES A. LUCAS,
ELMER E. COOPER,
W. J. BEELER,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

HONORABLE ROBERT GORDON COUSINS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Robert G. Cousins, a member of the Twenty-first General Assembly, begs leave to submit the following:

Robert Gordon Cousins, the son of James and Mary Dallas Cousins, pioneers of the county, was born on January 31, 1859, on a farm five miles northwest of Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa. He grew to manhood on the farm, receiving whatever education the schools of those days afforded. Even in boyhood he manifested that love of study of history and the classics which was to play so prominent a part in molding his public life. He graduated from Cornell College at Mount Vernon in 1881.