

During 1929, Mr. Blake started lobbying as a "special representative" for the Interstate Power Company, Dubuque, and, while identified with this firm, represented all public utility companies. Mr. Blake's lobbying activities continued after September, 1942, when he was elected secretary-manager of the Iowa Utilities Association. This position he resigned in September, 1948.

Mr. Blake, in failing health for almost a year, passed away at the Postville hospital, Sunday, November 13, 1949. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on November 15 at the Clermont Presbyterian Church. The esteem in which he was held was evidenced by the large number of people, many from great distances, who came to pay their last respects to "Bill." His love for the people of Iowa, his interest in their welfare, and the readiness with which he gave himself for the arduous tasks with which he was often faced, will long be remembered. "Bill," in one sense, has erected for himself his own memorial; it rests in the hearts of those who were privileged to know him and to work with him. Besides his wife and two children, he leaves four grandchildren to mourn his passing.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable William R. Blake, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

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.

J. C. DAVIS,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
ELMER PIEFER,
Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable William Carden of Henry County

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

The Honorable William Carden was born in 1866 on a farm near Middletown in Des Moines County, Iowa. His early education was received in a country school. He later took a course at the State Normal School at Columbus City, Iowa, and finished his education at Parsons College at Fairfield. Mr. Carden was a trustee of Parsons College for thirty-four years.

He was married to Fannie B. DeLashmutt, who survives him. He is also survived by an adopted daughter, Thelma Frances Carden. One son died in infancy.

After graduation from Parsons College Mr. Carden taught school about three years and then entered the hardware and implement business at Winfield, Iowa. He served as postmaster under President Taft, after which he engaged in the insurance and loan business. He was vice-president of the Farmers National Bank for thirty-four years, and was vice-president of the Iowa Home Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines at the time of his death.

Mr. Carden served as a Representative in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first sessions of the Legislature. He served as a Senator in the Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, and Forty-fifth Extra sessions of the Legislature.

He was active in lodge work as well as civic and church affairs. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and served as moderator for the Iowa Presbytery and vice-moderator for the Iowa synod of the Presbyterian church.

In 1925 he served as first district manager of the Coolidge campaign.

Mr. Carden died in March, 1950, at the age of 84.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable William Carden, the state mourns the loss of one of its honored and distinguished citizens and the House, by this resolution, tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving 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.

RAYMOND CORNICK,
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,
CLAUDE OBERMAN,
Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable James G. Casey of Mitchell County

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

James G. Casey was born on a farm seven miles south of Osage on March 6, 1880, and began his education in a country school. He then attended Loras Academy and Loras College in Dubuque, after which he completed a course at the Charles City Business College.

After he completed his formal education he managed the Jas. A. Smith Lumber Company at Ayrshire for two and one-half years. Mr. Casey