

I have often thought as we look about us and see men who have lived and are older than we are, that the lives of each of us are largely made up from the character and qualities of the lives of other men who have been near us. This is the first time, I think, during my career in the Legislature that I have ever had occasion to speak on a memorial and the first time that anyone from my own district has been memorialized at a session of the Senate. On this occasion especially I am reminded of the splendid man that I have the privilege at this time to present this resolution in regard to.

He had all those native qualities and as I used to look at him during his career in the law practice, I have seen what seemed to me, many of the characteristics of Lincoln himself, I have heard him describe that bloody battle of Chickamauga where four out of every five men in his company were shot down. His interest in the affairs of his county and in the affairs of his state were greatly enhanced because of the part he took in the great service of the Civil War and he carried with him, I think through life some of the ideals he sought, and as we younger men saw him, we gathered from him some of his ideals. Judge Carson was one of those men who never reap fame. He was too diffident in his way to ever become famous, but he was one of those splendid men who acted wisely and well, and over and above all, as I remember Judge Carson I like to think how many, many men there are in the world who have the same qualities or equal qualities who really never attain prominence and often never make a success in their chosen profession. The very qualities which made him famous, prevented him from every becoming wealth,—the very qualities that really made him capable and showed that he was a splendid thinker and with all, quite a wonderful man in a small way, with his natural adverseness to notoriety kept him from ever being a noted character, in this state, though he had all the qualities.

The best thing that can be said of him is that he was one of those dependable American citizens, always taking an active part in the affairs of his locality and city, and in his state, and who was satisfied that the greatest thing in life was fealty to his family and to his friends and to his country, and with that he lived through life and that was his only claim to greatness.

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#### GILBERT S. GILBERTSON.

Senator Kingland, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption :

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of Gilbert S. Gilbertson, beg leave to submit the following report.

Gilbert S. Gilbertson was of Norwegian parentage and was born in Spring Grove, Minnesota, October 17th, 1863 and died in Des Moines, Iowa, November 25th, 1917. His early advantages were by no means extra-