

been taken, and, during all that time and all that balloting forty-eight delegates from his own and neighboring counties remained with him throughout, and he was only seven short of a majority.

Mr. Byers was again chosen a member of the House in the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, and served most creditably. By this time his influence and worth were recognized and rewarded by his selection to the office of attorney general of this his adopted state. Upon retiring from the state house he was appointed corporation counsel of the city of Des Moines, and during his incumbency many big and important questions arose which he met with his usual ability and judgment.

He presided over two Republican state conventions during his service in politics, being permanent chairman of the convention which first nominated A. B. Cummins for Governor.

Mr. Byers was for many years a member of the Des Moines law firm of Clark, Byers & Hutchinson, a firm which was among the leaders of the bar in the Capital City.

He strenuously advocated the nomination of his law partner, Howard J. Clark, for United States Senator at the primary election in 1926.

The writer realizes his inability to do justice to Mr. Byers, as he was one of God's noblemen, the finest and noblest of men. He was a friend of the poor man, always extending a helping hand to the unfortunate. He was a magnetic and entertaining speaker, honest and courageous, and vigorously urged any principles for which he contended.

His life work is finished, his career is closed, his work is done, but as a monument to him, there remain his deeds, his admirers, and his many friends.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the foregoing memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life and character and public service of the Honorable Howard Webster Byers.

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this House, and an enrolled copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

GEO. E. MILLER,
E. A. ELLIOTT,
WILBER F. HUBBARD,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

HON. EDWARD D. CHASELL

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Honorable Edward D. Chassell, late of Plymouth county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Edward D. Chassell was born at Holland Patent, Oneida county, New York, May 25, 1858, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, October 18, 1928. Burial was at Wyoming, Iowa.

His parents, William and Frances Jones Chassell, removed with their family to a farm near Iowa Falls, Iowa, in 1867. After attending country schools and while still very young, Edward D. Chassell taught during the winters and worked on farms during the summers. He was graduated from the Iowa State Normal School, now the State Teachers College, in 1882; and served as principal of schools at Staceyville and at St. Ansgar, Mitchell county, Iowa. In 1884 he purchased an interest in the newspaper known as the *Osage News* and became its editor. In 1888 he served in the Senate of the Twenty-second General Assembly as second assistant secretary. During the same year he removed to Le Mars, Plymouth county, Iowa, purchasing an interest in the *Le Mars Sentinel* and a short time later became its editor. In 1893 he was elected Representative from Plymouth county and served as such in the Twenty-fifth General Assembly. In 1903 Mr. Chassell was again elected Representative and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. In 1906 the General Assembly elected him to the office of State Binder and he served as such from 1907 to 1912. In December, 1916, Governor Clarke appointed him as Railroad Commissioner to fill the vacancy created by the death of James H. Wilson. He served in this capacity until November, 1917, when he resigned to accept the position as secretary of the Farm Mortgage Banks Association of America, which office he held for about ten years. He then resigned and devoted the latter part of his life to his personal interests. He was a man of fine character, enterprising, progressive and successful.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That we extend our sympathies to the family and express our appreciation of the life and character and public services of the Honorable Edward D. Chassell.

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the family.

FRANK J. SWANSON,
CARL W. H. SASS,
C. C. R. BUSH,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 8, 1929.

HON. GEORGE F. COBURN

MR. SPEAKER: We, your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions concerning the life and public service of Hon. George F. Coburn, member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies, beg leave to submit the following report:

George F. Coburn, who passed away on Sunday, March 17, 1929, at his home in Tilden township, Cherokee county, Iowa, after a lingering illness of cancer of the stomach, was one of the most highly respected and prominent citizens of the country. The greater part of his life, which has been spent in this country, was a record of service and efficiency which