

resigning in 1879, when he returned to Marion. That fall he was elected to congress and took his seat in December. He was a member of the committees on Privileges and Elections, which required much work, having twenty-two contests cases. He was re-elected and served in all four years. For party reasons he was then persuaded to accept the nomination, for Representative to the State Legislature and being elected was chosen chairman of the committee to reorganize the courts of the state, which business he successfully accomplished.

In August, 1894, he was appointed judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District and was elected to that position in November, 1894, and re-elected in November, 1899. His district comprised Jones, Cedar and Linn counties. He won high commendation for his fair and impartial administration of justice.

His mind was always analytical, logical and inductive with a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the fundamental principles of the law, he combined a familiarity with statutory laws and a sober, clear judgment which made him not only a formidable adversary in a legal combat but gave him a distinction of being one of the ablest jurists of the state.

In the death of Judge Thompson, Iowa has lost one of its noblest citizens, beloved by all who knew him. But few men in Iowa were better and more favorably known and it is a universal expression that the State of Iowa has suffered a great loss in his death.

In honor of his memory it is therefore

Resolved, That this minute of Wm. G. Thompson's life be spread upon the records of this House and that a copy of the same be presented to the surviving members of his family.

J. W. BOWMAN,
WM. LARRABEE,
GEO. W. KOONTZ,

Committee.

Adopted.

HON. JOHN CHRISTIE, JR.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the life and public service of Hon. John Christie, Jr., who was an honored member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, beg leave to report the following:

John Christie, Jr., was born March 5, 1841, in Middleset County, near Putnam, Ontario Canada, and died at his home in Garner, Iowa, on April 10, 1910, at the age of sixty-nine years. His parents, John and Agnes (Craik) Christie, were natives of Scotland and emigrated to Canada. In 1858 he came over with his parents who settled in Iowa County, Wisconsin, and on the 10th day of June, 1861, he came to Hancock County and settled at Upper Grove in Amsterdam township. On date of August 18, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Co. B 32nd Iowa Volunteer Infantry and served until May 17, 1865, when he was mustered out as a sergeant, at Memphis, Tennessee. His regiment was engaged in the battles of Pleas-

ant Hill, Fort De Russy, Tupelo, Old Town Creek, Nashville and others. After the war he returned to Hancock county and on March 31, 1867, was married to Miss Polly E. Robbins. The same year he was elected a member of the board of supervisors and in 1869 he was elected first auditor of Hancock county which office he held for eight consecutive years. In 1881 he was again elected auditor and re-elected in 1883. In 1897 he was elected to represent Wright and Hancock counties in the state legislature and served in the Twenty-seventh General Assembly with honor and distinction. When not engaged in public life Mr. Christie preferred the quiet life of a farmer and by his peaceful pursuit acquired considerable property. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the county and we believe its last surviving volunteer soldier. Decedent was a member of the Universalist church, the G. A. R. Post and of Bethel Lodge No. 319 A. F. and A. M.

Therefore be it Resolved, That in his death the state and county in which he resided has lost a worthy and upright citizen, a valiant soldier, and an honorable man, and we hereby extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

A. C. RIPLEY,

W. C. BROWN,

J. W. ELLIS,

Committee.

Adopted.

HON. ABRAHAM JACOBSEN.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable Abraham Jacobsen of Winneshiek County, late member of this House, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Abraham Jacobsen was born in Telemarken, Norway, January 3, 1836, came with his parents to America in the spring of 1848. The family settled in Muskego, Racine County, Wisconsin. Mr. Jacobsen then about twelve years old went to work for a man who kept hotel, store and post office at Little Muskego Lake, his wages being twenty-five cents per week. His employer took an interest in the lad from the distant land of the north, and would on Sundays teach him to read English, his text book being the New Testament. Later he furnished him with clothes and books and sent him to school. In 1850 the Jacobsen family moved to Winneshiek County, Iowa, and settled near Decorah.

In 1852 Mr. Jacobsen, now sixteen years old, left home to study at what was then known as the State University of Illinois, located at Springfield, which was built and supported by the Lutherans. The greatest part of the journey from Decorah to Springfield was accomplished on foot. He was the first Norwegian attending a higher institution of learning in this country. He was a classmate of Robert Lincoln. John Hay was also a student there at the same time. To help pay his way at school