

Forty-first General Assemblies. Mr. Rees died at his home in Hamburg, Iowa, on March 1, 1929.

Mr. Rees was a man of honor and stood high in the confidence and esteem of his associates. He was kind, considerate and generous and served well in every capacity in which he was engaged. In public or private life, Mr. Rees was a man of pronounced convictions, candid and outspoken, and there was never room for doubt as to his stand on any public question; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of Hon. Sylvester Calvin Rees, the State has lost a worthy and influential citizen, and that we extend to his relatives and friends our sincere sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

DENVER L. WILSON,  
OSCAR ULSTAD,  
F. C. GILCHRIST,

*Committee.*

Senator Wilson spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: I am glad to say a word by way of commemorating the life and public work of Senator Rees. He was a product of Iowa, born within the borders of this state, in 1849 and died at his home March 1, 1929. He was a success in business and in his legislative service. He was a man of pronounced convictions, backed up with sound judgment. His work as a legislator was a credit to his district and the state, and in his going this state has lost a valuable citizen.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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#### GEORGE FRANKLIN COBURN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late George Franklin Coburn of Marcus, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

George Franklin Coburn was born at Belvidere, Illinois, on the twelfth day of May, 1856. At the age of twenty-one years he moved to Iowa and located upon a farm near Marcus. Later in the same year Mr. Coburn married Mary Ann Pettengill. To this union were born five children.

He was the proud owner of a stretch of prairie which was transformed largely by his own personal labor into one of the best farms in Iowa. Upon this same farm Mr. Coburn passed away on the seventeenth day of March, 1929. From this farm home the funeral party proceeded on the twenty-first day of March to the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Inside accommodations were available to less than one-half of the crowd of friends who had gathered. Interment was made in the little cemetery near the church. Mr. Coburn was one of the founders of this cemetery in earlier years.

Mr. Coburn was very active in all the interests of his community, both civic and social. He belonged to the Chamber of Commerce of Marcus, also was a member of the Masonic Lodge of that place. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. He was a member of the Iowa Senate in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. Mr. Coburn was a respected and influential participant in the affairs of republican politics in northwest Iowa.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-third General Assembly of Iowa, That in the death of George Franklin Coburn the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and,*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.*

LEW MACDONALD,  
F. C. GILCHRIST,  
B. M. STODDARD,

*Committee.*

Senator MacDonald spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: My acquaintance with George F. Coburn was limited entirely to a few visits and associations with him in rural life. I knew nothing of him and his work here in the General Assembly. There are Senators in this chamber who were intimately associated with Senator Coburn in his state work, and two of these members of our present Assembly are my colleagues, Senators Gilchrist and Stoddard, who will say a few words.

Senator Stoddard spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: Senator Coburn was another one of the men here in the Senate during the Thirty-eighth General Assembly, and I believe that he occupied the seat now ably occupied by the Senator from Tama. I remember very well the first day I came down here. He took a great deal of interest in telling me many things about how legislation was accomplished here on the hill.

He was always kind, was intelligent, and always in a good humor, and was always interested in things going on, not only in the chamber but everything that had to do with the construction of legislation.

I always enjoyed my association with Senator Coburn here in the Senate. I have also stopped at his home on his invitation and it has always been a great pleasure, as he was a man who made you feel that you were twice welcome.

He was a real farmer in every sense of the word; a successful man, not only as a citizen of his community but as a legislator.

Senator Gilchrist spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: When I first had any experience in legislative work, it was in the hall across from this chamber, and I came there first in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. It was then that I met George Coburn,