

In 1962, Blythe moved with his family to Des Moines where he served as the Executive Secretary of the Iowa Association of School Boards until his retirement.

A Republican, Mr. Conn was elected in a Special Election held just one month after the General Election. He served a full term as a member of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly. (1955-1956)

Blythe Charles Conn died on July 4, 2007 at the age of 99.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-Third General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Blythe Charles Conn, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

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.

THOMAS R. SANDS
DENNIS M. COHOON
DAVID HEATON
Committee

JOHN CONNORS

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life character, and public service of the late Honorable John Connors begs to submit the following Memorial:

John Connors was born December 2, 1922 in Des Moines, the son of John J. and Edna Connors. After graduation from Des Moines North High School in 1942, John joined the Merchant Marines, serving from 1943 to 1946. In 1945 John and Marjorie (Leonard) were married.

John began his career as a Des Moines Firefighter in 1950 and served until retiring as a Captain in 1977. An active member of the union, John served for 20 years as president of the Des Moines Association of Professional Firefighters. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, John worked at the Statehouse as a lobbyist for the Firefighters Union.

John's community leadership included service as chair or president of many organizations, including: the Board of Trustees of Des Moines General Hospital, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Des Moines Friendship and Sister City Commission and the Polk County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. He was also a member of the American Legion, Masonic Orders and the First Christian Church.

As president of Golden Gloves Boxing and chairman of the Council of State Governments, John brought both the Golden Gloves National Boxing Championships and the National Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments to Des Moines.

A Democrat, Mr. Connors was a member of the Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-seventh Extra, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Sixty-ninth Extra, Sixty-ninth Second-extra, Seventieth, Seventy-first, Seventy-second, Seventy-second Extra, Seventy-second Second-extra, Seventy-third, Seventy-fourth, Seventy-fourth Extra, Seventy-fourth Second-extra, Seventy-fifth, Seventy-sixth, Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth, Seventy-ninth, Seventy-ninth Extra, Seventy-ninth Second-extra, Eightieth, Eightieth Extra and Eightieth Second-extra General Assemblies (1973-2004)

John Connors died on March 7, 2009 at the age of 86.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-Third General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable John Connors, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

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.

RICK OLSON
BRUCE L. HUNTER
KEVIN M. MCCARTHY
Committee

VIRGIL EDWIN COREY

VIRGIL EDWIN COREY, SR, was born September 23, 1916 in Morning Sun, Iowa, the son of John L. and Maxine Martin Corey. Virgil attended Morning Sun Grade School and graduated from Morning Sun High School in 1933. He attended Cornell College and earned a B.S. in Agricultural Education from Iowa State University in 1942.

Virgil and Elsie farmed and Virgil taught vocational agriculture in Manilla, Coggon, Mediapolis and Lone Tree.

His work in the community included service as president of the Eastern Iowa Power and Light Cooperative and as president of the Louisa County Farm Bureau. Virgil was also a Louisa County District Soils Commissioner, a member of the Louisa County Board of Review and a member of the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission.

Prior to and during his service in the House, Virgil was a long-time Lay Leader of the Wapello United Methodist Church and Lay Delegate to the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. In recent years, Virgil was an officer and had a jail ministry at the Solid Rock Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Order.

A Republican, Mr. Corey was a member of the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Sixty-ninth Extra, Sixty-ninth Second-extra, Seventieth, Seventy-first and Seventy-second General Assemblies. (1979-1988)

Virgil Edwin Corey died on July 27, 2008 at the age of 91.