

Assembly of Iowa, at the age of 85, being the oldest member of that General Assembly.

Mr. Clements was a Presbyterian and a member of the I. O. O. F. At the time of his death he was the oldest living charter member of the Center Star Lodge in Des Moines.

His home for some years prior to his death was in the town of Harvey, Marion county, Iowa. There he was a respected citizen and a prominent community man.

Mr. Clements died December 16, 1939, at the age of eighty-eight years. He left surviving him three children: Josephine Bean, Pearl L. Patterson and Harold Clements, and a number of grandchildren.

Mr. Clements was kindly, good natured and liked by all who knew him. He was a studious reader. Despite his age, in his later life he retained a keen mind and active interest in public affairs, local, state and national.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly,* That, in the passing of the Honorable L. R. Clements, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen and the House, by this resolution, tenders its sympathy to the members of the family of L. R. Clements.

*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 members of the family of Mr. Clements.

CARROLL JOHNSON,  
GEO. H. KEENEY,  
A. H. AVERY,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE WILLIAM COOPER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public service of the Honorable William Cooper of Jasper county, begs leave to submit the following report:

William Cooper, the son of Levi and Ellen Cooper, pioneers of Jasper county, was born November 28, 1868, near Lynnvile. He received his education in the county schools and the Hazel Dell Academy of Newton, and graduated from Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, in 1894.

After teaching school for a few years, he bought a loan and abstract business, and located in the city of Newton in 1900. This line of work turned his attention to legal matters, and as a consequence he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1904. He continued his business and professional interests for over thirty years, retiring from the abstract business about ten years ago.

Mr. Cooper was of a religious nature, and affiliated with the Methodist church early in life; and to the progress and welfare of the church he devoted much time. He was a member of the official board of his church for nearly forty years.

On October 26, 1898, he was united in marriage with Miss Virginia Russell, who survives him. Into their home were born the following

children: Florence, a teacher in Newton; three sons, Russell, of Mount Vernon, Iowa; Richard, and Robert, of Los Angeles, California.

Always a loyal Republican, he was elected State Representative in 1908, and represented Jasper county in the Thirty-third General Assembly.

He had been in failing health five or six years, and finally passed away on March 29, 1941.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That in the passing of the Honorable William Cooper of Jasper county, the state of Iowa has lost a valuable and honored citizen, a conscientious statesman, and the family a loving husband and father.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives be instructed to send an enrolled copy of this resolution to each member of the family of the deceased.

GORDON SMITH,  
EDW. J. MORRISSEY,  
HENRY WICHMAN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE H. C. DEWAR

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the late Honorable H. C. Dewar, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Harry Clow Dewar was born in Will county, Illinois, December 16, 1870, and died February 24, 1940, at his farm home near Cherokee, Iowa, at the age of sixty-nine years, two months, and eight days.

In 1880 his parents moved to Iowa and subsequently made their home on what is now known as the Spreading Elm Farm in Pilot township, Cherokee county, Iowa. With the exception of a few brief years in early manhood, when he was employed in or near Chicago, Mr. Dewar made his home here for the rest of his life.

On May 24, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Randall of Warren, Illinois, who survives him. Eight children were born to this union, all of whom are still living. They are: Harry, Hattie, Robert, and John of Cherokee, Iowa; Archie of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Mrs. Laura Herrmann of Reinbeck, Iowa; Mrs. Flora Escue of Marcus, Iowa, and Tom of Pico, California.

Mr. Dewar served his state and community well and took an active and constructive part in many civic and public affairs. He held the offices of clerk, trustee, and school board member in his township for many years, and was a charter member of the Farm Bureau in his county. He was one of the founders of the Pilot Rock Plowing Match Association of Cherokee county, Iowa, serving as its first secretary-treasurer and later as its president. He was also the first president of the Cherokee County Purebred Livestock Breeders Association, and together with his sons and daughters, brought honorable recognition to Spreading Elm