

HARRY L. COWDEN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Harry L. Cowden, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Harry L. Cowden was born at Montieth, Iowa, December 30, 1900, the son of Loren and Emma Cowden. He was married to Else M. Sorensen at Guthrie Center, June 4, 1926.

Mr. Cowden graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1920, attended Des Moines University and graduated from American University of Commerce, Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Cowden was elected Guthrie County Clerk of District Court in 1932, serving eight years. In 1940, he was called to Extensive Active Duty with the Army as a Captain of Infantry and served as plans and training officer. He was a graduate of Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, serving as an instructor in a number of officer schools and retired in 1955 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Senator Cowden served in the Iowa Senate during the 59th, 60th, and 60th extraordinary General Assemblies.

Mr. Cowden was active in the United Methodist Church, as a Trustee and Finance Chairman; member of Guthrie Center Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club, holding many offices including President. Mr. Cowden also served as County Chairman for American Red Cross three years; two years as County Civil Defense Director, and received the Guthrie Center Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award in 1957.

Harry L. Cowden was a Master Mason 57 years; past Master of Orange Lodge, Guthrie Center; a member Des Moines Consistory; Knights Templar and Shrine. He served as Worthy Patron of Gleaners Chapter and Iowa Grand Chapter six years prior to election as Associate Grand Patron in 1960; he also served as Worthy Grand Patron Order of Eastern Star 1962.

Mr. Cowden passed away April 10, 1981, at Guthrie Center. He is survived by his wife, Else; two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Geneva) Knudson and Mrs. Robert Allen (Gloria) Burnett, both of Des Moines; and nine grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Harry L. Cowden, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his services to his community, state and nation and tender its sympathy and kindest regards to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

C.W. BILL HUTCHINS, Chairperson
JAMES E. BRILES
NORMAN RODGERS

CHARLES B. HOEVEN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Charles B. Hoeven, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles B. Hoeven was born at Hospers, Iowa, on March 30, 1895. Graduate of Alton high school, 1913; college of liberal arts of the State University of Iowa, 1921; and college of law at the State University of Iowa, 1922. Married in 1928 to Velma Ruth Pike of Toledo, Iowa, and they have one son and one daughter.

He had been president of the Alton Rotary Club and the Orange City Lions Club. He was a member of all Masonic bodies. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Alton, Iowa and a World war veteran, serving overseas. Member American Legion and past commander of his local post. Mr. Hoeven was also County attorney of Sioux county from 1925 to 1937, past president of the County Attorneys' Association of Iowa, President, board of education, Alton public schools; member of Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity; served on the board of directors of Alton Savings Bank and engaged in the practice of law in Alton, Iowa.

Mr. Hoeven was elected to the Iowa Senate to begin serving in 1937, 47th General Assembly. He served as President pro-tempore of the Senate in the 48th General Assembly.

Mr. Hoeven, a Republican, represented Iowa's old Eighth district - which was changed to the Sixth district in 1961 - from 1943 until 1965. During his congressional years he was chairman of the House Republican Conference in 1962, deputy minority whip in the House from 1957 to 1965, a member of the House Republican Policy Committee from 1957 to 1962 and ranking Republican on the Agriculture Committee from 1958 to 1965. The two things Mr. Hoeven considered most important in his political career was his service on the Agriculture Committee and his work on the Floyd River flood control project.

Mr. Hoeven always noted in his speeches his affinity for "native Iowans from Northwest Iowa as being from the garden spot of the world".

Mr. Hoeven died at a care center in Orange City on Sunday, November 9, 1980 at the age of 85. He is survived by his widow, Velma of Alton; one son, Charles Pike Hoeven of Slater, Iowa, and one daughter, Pauline Marshall, Ackley, Iowa; five