

Memorial to the Honorable William H. Cramer of Mills County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William H. Cramer, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

William H. Cramer, Representative from Mills county, was born in Warren county, Illinois, November 27, 1870, and died at Emerson, Iowa, March 26, 1949. He came to Iowa with his parents, January 1, 1880, where they located on a farm in Pottawattamie county. He married Elizabeth Reynolds, December 23, 1894, and they had three children: Alva, Earl, and Mrs. Gayle Greenwood. He moved to a farm in Mills county, March 1, 1900, and was a farmer practically all his life. He sold his farm in the spring of 1930 and after that time was engaged in the insurance and real estate business, together with auctioneering. He held county and school offices and was mayor of Emerson for five years and resigned that office to attend the Forty-sixth General Assembly. He was a member of the Baptist Church and Masonic order. He served in the Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra and Forty-seventh General Assemblies. He is survived by Mrs. Cramer; a son, Earl, of Griswold; a daughter, Mrs. Gayle Greenwood, of Emerson; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That, in the passing of the Honorable William H. Cramer, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

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.

HENRY W. WASHBURN,
W. J. JOHANNES,
ELMER A. BASS,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Merton E. De Wolf of Clay County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Merton E. De Wolf, of Spencer, Iowa, begs to submit the following report:

Merton E. De Wolf was born at Cambria, Michigan, on July 23, 1867, son of S. P. and Martha J. De Wolf. His boyhood was spent at Cambria where he attended Hillsdale High School, later graduating from the State University at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In 1888, when he first came to Iowa, he found employment in the harvest fields at Rock Valley, later working for the grain buyer and within a short time became manager of an elevator at Inwood, Iowa. Soon after he accepted a position as bookkeeper in a bank in Rock Valley, moving to Marathon in 1892, where he became cashier of the Savings Bank at