

Farms many times as an outstanding breeder of shorthorn cattle. He represented his county in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Fortieth, Fortieth-Extra, and Forty-first General Assemblies, and was parole agent for the Iowa Training School for Boys at Eldora from October, 1930, to July, 1932. He gave allegiance to the Republican political party.

Mr. Dewar was a member of the Presbyterian church, the Odd Fellows' lodge, the Masonic lodge, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He had served in practically all of the offices of the Odd Fellows' lodge, was a past state grand patriarch of that order, and had been honored as a thirty year member.

He lived a long, honorable, and active life and will be greatly missed in his community.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable H. C. Dewar, the state of Iowa has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of the family in their sorrow, and

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

FRED J. RITCHIE,
FRANK O. HOCUM,
E. W. SCOTT,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE JOHN ALVIN DAVENPORT

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Honorable John A. Davenport of Sioux City, Woodbury county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

John A. Davenport was born at Newport, Washington county, Ohio, on January 24, 1871. His parents were George Davenport, who was an officer in the Civil War, and his mother was Mary Reckard Davenport of Marietta, Ohio.

Mr. Davenport came to Sioux City in 1882 with his parents and nine brothers and sisters. He was a member of the Morningside Presbyterian church, many Masonic orders and of civic, fraternal and patriotic orders. He enlisted in the Spanish-American War, serving throughout the conflict with honor. He was connected with the wholesale grocery business for many years in Sioux City. In 1929 he was honored by the people of Woodbury county by being elected to the office of Sheriff in which capacity he served four years.

On October 5, 1904, he was married to Flora Richardson at New Matamoras, Ohio. Mr. Davenport was a member of the Forty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa in the capacity of Representative of Woodbury county and passed away during his term of office after a brief illness on October

16, 1939, at Sioux City. He is survived by his beloved wife, one son, Samuel R. Davenport, Ph. D., of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, one granddaughter, Rosalyn Gay Davenport of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and five brothers and sisters.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That the state has lost a valued and beloved citizen, and the House of Representatives would tender, by this resolution, its sincere, heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their sorrow.

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.

ROBERT CARLSON,
HAROLD F. NELSON,
J. R. HALL,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FELT

MT. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Benjamin Franklin Felt of Clay county, begs leave to submit the following report:

Representative Benjamin Franklin Felt was born at Galena, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, February 6, 1862, to which city his parents came at an early date from Plattsburgh, New York. His parents were American born. His education was received in the public schools of Galena with one year at Lake Forest Academy, and one year at Beloit College, Wisconsin.

In 1881 he went to Storm Lake in the capacity of field agent for the Iowa Land and Investment Company of that place. Four years later he settled upon his farm in Clay township, Clay county, where for fourteen years he conducted a successful business in diversified farming.

In 1887 he married Agnes Rae Avery, daughter of Major George S. Avery of Galena, Illinois. In 1900 they moved to a farm in Sioux township adjacent to the city of Spencer. He was elected State Representative in 1906 and served in the Thirty-second, Thirty-second Extra, Thirty-third, and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies. It was during this time that the Senate marched into the House every morning for one hundred legislative days and voted for the election of a United States Senator. On the one hundredth day Honorable W. S. Kenyon was elected. Representative Felt never wavered in his support of Senator Kenyon. This was the last time that a United States Senator was elected by the General Assembly.

Representative Felt introduced and secured the passage of the county hospital bill which has since been adopted as a model by other states.

Among the outstanding activities of Mr. Felt was the organization of the Clay County Farmers' Institute in which he secured the cooperation of the extension department of the State College of Agriculture. These