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## MEMORIALS

SENATE CHAMBER,  
DES MOINES, IOWA, APRIL 13, 1931.

The Senate met in memorial session, President Arch W. McFarlane presiding.

### HERBERT E. DEAN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable Herbert E. Dean, State Representative, State Senator and member of the State Highway Commission, beg leave to submit the following:

Herbert E. Dean was born in O'Brien county, on December 5, 1872. Attended school at Primghar, and Morningside college, Sioux City, Iowa, and served two years as deputy clerk of the court of O'Brien county. He entered the Northern Indiana Normal school at Valparaiso, Indiana, and graduated with the class of 1896; entered the law department of the State University of Nebraska and graduated with the class of 1898. He was married to Estella M. Bowser of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has two sons, Wilbur M. and Forest C. Moved to Harris, Iowa, in 1899, and was elected president of the school board. Moved to Ocheyedan, Iowa, in 1901. Was elected and served for three terms as mayor of that town. He was elected representative in 1916, reelected in 1918, and was elected Senator for the 49th district, comprising Osceola, Lyon, O'Brien and Sioux counties, in 1924. He was appointed member of the state highway commission by Governor Hammill in 1927, and was re-appointed for a term of four years in 1929.

He died at his home in Ocheyedan on March 27, 1931. Senator Dean had formed a large circle of friends throughout the state, who have learned to love and admire him for his many good traits. He was endowed with a charm of a very cheerful and congenial personality. He was firm and determined in his actions, yet fair and considerate. He has left a fine record as a true, faithful and able public servant. The service he has rendered is a fine tribute to his good mother, his family and the community. Of Senator Dean it can be truthfully said that his community, his county and his state have been made better because he lived in them.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That in the passing of the Honorable Herbert E. Dean the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, a man of strong character and sterling worth, and the Senate of Iowa will by this

resolution tender its sympathy to his mother and his immediate family who survive.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased, and an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to his mother and his immediate family.

T. E. MOEN,  
C. A. BENSON,  
G. W. PATTERSON,  
*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Moen spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: It was a considerable shock to us all when we received the sad news that our Highway Commissioner Dean had suffered a severe stroke which left him in a very critical condition. The best of help was called to his bedside but with no relief. He was then taken by his son to the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, where he received the care and the attention of the best doctors obtainable. The first news we received from there was to the effect that he seemed to be resting a little easier, but before long we received a message which stated that his condition had turned for the worse. A second message was received later stating that he had passed away. Evidently the grim reaper who shows no favoritism had placed his stamp on our good friend and he had to answer the final roll call—one that we all must answer. It had been my privilege to know Herbert Dean for many years. We lived in adjoining counties. We served together in the House during the Thirty-eighth session of the General Assembly. We had the same Committee Clerk and Dean occupied the seat right back of me so we had the opportunity of getting well acquainted. I learned to know him as a man with a strong and determined mind of his own. It was not hard to find whether he was for or against any bill. He was a hard working and faithful member of the House, and later of the Senate. I have lost a close personal friend in his passing.

Senator Patterson spoke as follows:

H. E. Dean—I knew him well. He was able, kind and good; industrious, ambitious and diligent. He was courageous, consistent and confident. He was genial and enthusiastic. He was educated not only in public school and college, but in the university of hard knocks as well. He was a success. He was admired, respected and loved. He always played the game. He lived the golden rule. For many years he gave himself unsparingly to the public good. He died in the public service.

I would conclude these few brief remarks with what seems to me a beautiful and fitting prose poem entitled, "Life," by Robert G. Ingersoll.

"Born of love and hope, of ecstasy and pain, of agony and fear, of tears and joy—dowered with the wealth of two united hearts—held in happy arms, with lips upon life's drifted font, blue-veined and fair,