

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly that a transcript of this memorial be furnished to the family of the deceased and a copy thereof be spread on the Journal of the House.

M. F. THOMPSON,  
D. C. STEELSMITH,  
JOHN L. BROWN,  
*Committee.*

Adopted March 20, 1913.

HON. JOHN E. DEMPSTER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare a memorial to commemorate the life and public service of the Honorable John E. Dempster, an honored member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:

John E. Dempster was born in Morgan County, Ohio, January 3, 1837. In the early days of his life he attended the district schools of Ohio, and later came to settle on the fertile acres of his father's farm in Scott County, Iowa.

By his industry and thrift he was able while still a young man to purchase a small farm near his parents, which, as the years went by, increased to 180 acres.

Mr. Dempster was twice married. In 1868 he was joined in marriage to Esther E. Burch and to the union were born two daughters and one son. On December 24, 1873, this union was broken by the death of his wife. He was again married in 1875 to Josephine Fitzsimmons, who bore him two sons and one daughter.

He gave his time liberally to public service, being for thirty-one years secretary of the School Board. In 1897 his great activity and interest in public affairs brought him to the attention of the community in which he lived, and he was elected by the Republican party as Representative of Scott County to the Legislature of the Twenty-Seventh General Assembly.

He was a faithful and consistent follower of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was for more than twenty years Sunday school superintendent in that church.

In 1900 Mr. Dempster moved to Poweshiek County where, at the time of his death, he owned a 320-acre farm.

One of the sturdy Iowa pioneers who laid the foundation of our material prosperity, Mr. Dempster was one of the most agreeable and loyal of friends.

He was candid and outspoken in his ideas, a close and analytical student of men and of affairs, and liberal and tolerant in public and private life.

Resolved, That we extend to his family and friends our sincere sympathy, and that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the House, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the bereaved family of the deceased.

THOS. W. GRIGGS,  
RALPH SHERMAN,  
HENRY H. BOETTGER,  
*Committee.*

Adopted March 26, 1913.

HON. JAMES S. CRAWFORD.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable James S. Crawford, a member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly, respectfully submit the following:

James Shannon Crawford was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, in December, 1851. His parents were Scotch and his ancestors in Scotland were of aristocratic stock. He moved with his parents, Robert and Sarah (Shannon) Crawford, to Allamakee County, Iowa, in 1853. He grew up on the farm, was educated in the country schools, and was always deeply interested in matters agricultural. He attended Upper Iowa University and the State University, and was naturally a student.

He taught school, and while so engaged was married to Louise Morphy in Lewis, Cass County. To them one son, Archibald R., was born. He was superintendent of schools in Cass County, was a member of the State Board of Examiners, and was Representative from Cass County in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. He engaged for a time in newspaper work on the Atlantic Telegraph and later on the Cherokee Herald. Under his direction both of these papers became powers in their respective fields.

In 1900 he was chosen a member of Ferdinand W. Peck's staff of custodians of the United States exhibit at the Universal Exposition in Paris. He had charge of the corn kitchen and did much to educate the European people to the uses of corn as a food. In 1902-03-04 he was connected with the Department of Exploitation of the World's Fair in St. Louis, many of his articles appearing in World's Work, Atlantic Monthly and other leading magazines. As a writer he was very interesting and bestowed much time and thought on economic subjects, being the author of two books, "Political Socialism, Would It Fail in Success?" and "Philosophic Anarchism."