

Following the death of his wife in 1907, he sold his Fremont County holdings and went to Cement, Caddo County, Oklahoma, where he engaged in banking, being president of three banks at the time of his death. In the spring of 1911 he built a church near Cement, Oklahoma, donating it to the Liberty Primitive Baptist Church.

His death occurred at his home in Cement, Oklahoma, October 7, 1911, of paralysis of the heart. Services were held over his remains at Cement, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City and at Sidney, Iowa, where he was laid to rest by the side of his faithful companion in the Sidney cemetery.

A great and good man has been taken from us. He was a friend to all. The human elements were so mingled in him that nature could say to the world, "This was a man." Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly extend to the bereaved members of his family this expression of sympathy and condolence in the death of Hon. Francis M. Estes. In token whereof they have caused these resolutions to be spread upon the Journal of the House and a copy of same sent to the surviving relatives.

ISAAC G. SCOTT,  
A. S. WORKMAN,  
A. BARTLE,

*Committee.*

Adopted February 17, 1913.

HON. GUSTAV DIEDERICH.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Gustav Diederich respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, The Honorable Gustav Diederich, a member of the House of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, departed this life on the tenth day of June, 1912, at Frankfurt-on-the-Meine, Germany, while on a visit to the place of his birth.

The subject of this memorial was born at Minden, Germany, March 14, 1845; emigrated to America at the age of sixteen; made his home in New York City for four years; in 1865 he moved to Davenport, Iowa; was married in Davenport on November 6, 1866; moved from Davenport to Avoca, Iowa, in the spring time of 1870, where he made his permanent home until the time of his death.

He was very closely identified with the pioneer settlers of Pottawattamie county; was president of and one of the founders of the Pottawattamie County Fair and Agricultural Society; served as mayor of Avoca several terms; was one of the leading members of the Avoca State Bank; was the proprietor of one of our largest general merchandise firms of Avoca; was a man of excellent character and untiring energy.

He was elected as a member of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, being a Democrat in political faith.

Whereas, The life and character of the deceased was such as to command the respect and esteem of all who knew him; therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the state and county have suffered the loss of a worthy and upright man, and that we hereby extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk transmit an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

J. T. HAZEN,

A. T. STOKES,

A. BARTLE,

*Committee.*

Adopted February 20, 1913.

#### HON. GEORGE CONDE CALKINS.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life and service of the late Honorable George C. Calkins, a former member of this House, respectfully submit the following:

The Honorable George Conde Calkins was born in Glenville, Schenectady County, New York, of American born parentage, October 4, 1835, and departed this life June 28th, 1911.

He received his education in the common schools of Schenectady County and in Kingsborough Academy.

During the year of 1859, in keeping with the spirit of that time, he sought a new field of usefulness in the western state of Illinois. The first few years of his sojourn in that state were spent in teaching school. He then took up farming and auctioneering as his life work.

In the year of 1863 he was married to Miss Mary Taylor Scott, who survives him.

Mr. Calkins remained in Illinois until the spring of 1871, when he came to Iowa and located in Adams County, where he continued to exert a telling influence in all public matters up until the time of his death.

To Mr. and Mrs. Calkins were born six children, three sons and three daughters, all living. They are: C. C. Calkins, N. W. Calkins, Frank Calkins, Mrs. W. J. Frederick, Mrs. E. M. Cain and Mrs. H. S. Septer.