

then a wilderness; he did well the things that every American citizen ought to do if the heritage bequeathed to us is to be kept inviolate; he was a friend and patron of education, his children being given every advantage; he was always interested in young people and rejoiced to see them win out in life's battles and helped many a one over rough and difficult places. Mr. Moffit stood for all that is best and noblest and most satisfying in human life.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That the House of Representatives takes this occasion to present this tribute to the memory of a faithful public servant, and to express appreciation of his character and public service;

And the Clerk of the House is hereby directed to enter these resolutions upon the journal of the House and forward a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

J. E. LARSON,  
C. F. CLARK,  
H. W. FLENNIKEN.

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GEORGE L. DOBSON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life of public service of the Hon. Geo. L. Dobson, a member of this House of Representatives in the Twenty-first, Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assembly and submit the following report:

Geo. L. Dobson, the subject of this memorial, was born in Westmoreland County, England, September 24, 1851. In March, 1864, he came to the United States with his parents, John and Jane (Rudd) Dobson, who in April, 1869, removed to Iowa. After six years devoted to agricultural pursuits in Webster County, Iowa, Geo. L. Dobson moved to Sac City, Iowa, where he was married October 9, 1876, to Sidney A. Watt. Later he established his home in Iowa City, where he took up the study of law in the State University, and was graduated in 1878. He practiced law in Newell, Buena Vista County, Iowa. He was mayor of that city for five years. He served on the school board for nine years. He served three years as a member of the State Legislature in the Twenty-first, twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, and resigned his position to become registrar of the government land office at Beaver, Oklahoma. Since 1892 he has been a resident of Des Moines, and was for four years vice-president of the Des Moines Life Insurance Company. The Republican party made its candidate for secretary of state for the state of Iowa, which position he filled from 1896 until 1900. He then turned his attention to farming, and managing his other properties until appointed in 1905 as American consul to Hang-Chau, China, by President Roosevelt, but one year later ill health forced him to return to America. In the fall of 1908 he was elected county treasurer of Polk County, which office he filled with eminent success. He was a member of the Grace Episcopal Church at Des Moines. He was the father of five children: Millard Craig, who died in infancy in Sac County, Iowa;

Guy E., who was born in Newell, Iowa, and a graduate of Cornell College, and now president of the Bank of Commerce of Redmond, Oregon; Geo. D., of 1032 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Des Moines, Iowa; Vernon C., born at Newell, Iowa, a civil engineer now with the inter-allied railroad commission at Coblenz, Germany; Philip M., of Redmond, Oregon. His brothers, W. A. Dobson, of Sioux City, Iowa; J. O. Dobson, of Los Angeles, California; and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Cannon, of Boise City, Idaho. After a long life of active public service, Geo. L. Dobson died at Redmond, Oregon, on Sunday, February 16, 1919. In politics he was a life-long republican, and one of the leaders of his party in many of the great political struggles of the time in which he was actively engaged in politics, and

*Whereas*, The life and character of the deceased, and his long and exemplary service calls for such as to place his memory among those highly respected and esteemed in the state of Iowa.

*Therefore*, Be it resolved that the House of Representatives, of the State of Iowa, take this occasion to express its appreciation of the splendid character, and the public services of the deceased, and at this time extend to the surviving members of his family our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

*And Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of the resolution be spread upon the journal; that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy of the same to the widow of the deceased.

M. C. EDSON,  
J. B. WEAVER,  
GEO. B. PERKINS,

*Committee.*

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#### WILLIAM B. MARTIN.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to present resolutions with respect to the life and services of Hon. W. B. Martin, late of Adair County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

W. B. Martin was born March 17th, 1846, in Rochester, Windham County, Vermont, and died June 11th, 1916. He was a scion of an old New England family who were among the early settlers of the state of Vermont. He spent his early life on the farm, attended the common school, and State Normal School of Vermont for a period of about two years. He removed to the state of Illinois in 1868, and came to Adair County, Iowa, in 1870.

In 1872 he was married to Miss Lucy Derby. To them were born four sons and a daughter, who survive the father.

Mr. Martin early became an active and prominent citizen of Adair County, and was identified with the progress and improvement of that locality. He was made county auditor of Adair County, holding that office from 1874 to 1880. He was a member of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth General Assemblies, serving in the special session which enacted the Code of 1897. His services as a member of the legislature were valuable and gave him a high standing as a legislator. His advice and counsel were frequently sought by his fellow members, all of whom held