

## ELMER A. BASS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Elmer A. Bass, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Elmer A. Bass was born November 26, 1887, in Pottawattamie County, Iowa. He attended rural schools and Emerson High School. He also attended Iowa State College and graduated in 1912. He was a member of Alpha Zeta, Phi Kappa Phi and Delta Sigma Rho honor societies.

He married Nellie M. Smith and they lived on an Oakdale farm until moving to Red Oak in 1947. To this union were born one son and one daughter.

Mr. Bass was a member of the Methodist Church and a superintendent of Sunday School. He was a director and secretary of the school board and a member of the county board of education from 1920 to 1948. Mr. Bass was a charter member of the county Farm Bureau and served as secretary, president and voting director. He was a member of the State Planning Committee from 1938 to 1942 and was Commissioner of the local Soil Conservation District from 1938 to 1947. He was a director of the Montgomery County Farm Loan Association and a member of the Montgomery N.F.L.A. board. Mr. Bass served as chairman of the Southwest Iowa Y.M.C.A. and was given the Skelly Agricultural Achievement Award in 1949.

Mr. Bass, a Republican, served in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth and Fifty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly as the representative of Montgomery County.

Surviving Mr. Bass are his widow; one son, Rollin G. Bass, and one daughter, Mrs. Edith Naylor, and their families.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Elmer A. Bass, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*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.

CONRAD OSSIAN,  
WILLIAM J. SCHERLE,  
LEROY S. MILLER,  
*Committee.*

## J. LeROY DRAKE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable J. LeRoy Drake, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

J. LeRoy Drake, son of Samuel R. and Margaret Jane Raymond Drake, was born September 2, 1892, at Dixon, in Scott County, Iowa, and died at Pella, in Marion County, Iowa, January 20, 1965, at the age of 72 years.

He was educated in the high school at Columbus Junction, where he started his long career in banking by working as a part-time bank employee of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Mr. Drake served continuously in the banking field, with the exception of his tours of duty with the armed forces during World Wars I and II. In 1946 he became affiliated with the Pella National Bank as Executive Vice President, later served as President and Chairman of the Board and at the time of death, a member of the board. He served as a special bank examiner and was a member of the Iowa Bankers Association. He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Pella Lodge No. 55, A.F. & A.M., Kaaba Shrine of Davenport, and the Pella Van Veen-Van Hemert Legion Post No. 89.

Surviving Mr. Drake is his widow, the former Frances Lee Chacey of Richland, Iowa.

Mr. Drake, a Democrat, served in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Forty-fourth session, as a representative of Keokuk County.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable J. LeRoy Drake the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*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.

KEITH H. DUNTON,  
ARMOUR BOOT,  
ELDON M. MORGAN,  
*Committee.*

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#### WILLIAM J. DREESSEN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William J. Dreessen, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

William J. Dreessen, the eldest of eight children, was born to Herman and Margaret Dreessen, on August 19, 1890, on a farm in Jackson Township in Crawford County, Iowa. Both of his parents were born in Germany. He was educated and grew to manhood in the vicinity of Jackson Township.

He was married to Wilhelmina Groen also of Jackson Township on March 12, 1913. Six children were born to this union.

Mr. Dreessen farmed in Jackson Township where he also served as assessor. He was a member of the Forty-fifth and Forty-fifth Extra,