

In 1872 Mr. Kasson was again elected to congress and again in 1874. In 1877, President Hayes appointed him minister to Vienna. Returning from that court, he was again chosen to congress. In 1884 President Arthur appointed him ambassador to Germany. While there he was the nation's special envoy to the Congo conference. Four years later he attended the Samoan conference where negotiations were made entirely satisfactory to this country. President McKinley made liberal use of Mr. Kasson's services in the negotiation of treaties looking to reduce custom duties under the tariff act of 1897.

Mr. Kasson was a high minded statesman. Enduring public good was his aim. Things temporary had little attraction for him.

Therefore, be it resolved that in the death of John A. Kasson, the state and nation has been called upon to mourn the departure of a worthy, upright citizen; a great statesman and an honorable man, and

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House.

FRANK S. SHANKLAND,
GEO. F. CARSON,
M. F. THOMPSON.

Committee.

Adopted April 10, 1913.

HON. WILLARD LEE EATON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable Willard Lee Eaton of Osage, Iowa, a late member of the House, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Willard Lee Eaton, twenty-eighth speaker of the House of Representatives, died at his home at Osage, June 7, 1911. He was born in Delhi, Delaware county, Iowa, October 13, 1848, and was hence in the sixty-third year of a useful life when death claimed him. His father, Gen. Ariel K. Eaton, was a leading man in early Iowa, and was a member of this House in the Third and Fourth General Assemblies and thus took part in framing the Iowa Code of 1851. Young Eaton was educated in the common schools and Cedar Valley Seminary. In 1872 he was made LL. B. in the law department of the State University. He practiced his profession at Osage and served as county attorney of Mitchell county one term. He was mayor of Osage three terms. In 1897 he was elected to represent the county of Mitchell in the House, and was twice re-elected. In 1902 he was chosen speaker, the second native of Iowa to attain to that position. He gave eminent satisfaction as a presiding officer, as he had been useful as a member. In 1906 he was elected a member of the board of railroad commissioners, worthily performing the mixed administrative and judicial duties thereof. His labors there wore upon his health, and he willingly retired at the end of one term, soon thereafter to pass from earth.

One, himself a member of the legal profession for three score years, said of him during his lifetime: "Mr. Eaton is a man of very decided superior abilities, and with a liberal literary education and a thorough legal course, it is not strange that with his industry and excellent character, he should have attained, as he has, a high position at the bar. No man in his district stands higher in these respects than does Mr. Eaton. Ey heredity he came legitimately to these excellences."

Resolved, That the House of Representatives presents this tribute to the memory of a faithful public servant and mourns that a life so useful was not longer spared to the community and the state that he was so well calculated to serve.

A. BARTLE,
FRED W. JONES,
T. A. KINGLAND,

Committee.

Adopted April 17, 1913.

HON. ISAAC BRANDT.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable Isaac Brandt of Des Moines, Iowa, a late member of the House, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Isaac Brandt, born April 7, 1827, in Fairfield county, Ohio, died at the capital of this state September 12, 1909. Mr. Brandt was the youngest of a large family, the head of which, David, had immigrated from the state of Pennsylvania in 1813. The father of the latter came to America from Germany in 1756. His wife, Isaac Brandt's mother, was a Hamilton, and of Scotch stock, on her father's side though, with an admixture of French. On her mother's side she was of Celtic race. Isaac worked on a farm during his early boyhood, going in winter to the district school. At the age of sixteen, he was apprenticed to learn boot and shoe making, and in accordance with the custom of the time without other compensation for the first two years than the instruction imparted. The day he was of age he went into business for himself, and soon got into a fair share of patronage. In his twenty-third year he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Wisely. Shortly afterwards, he and his young wife removed to the county of DeKalb, Indiana. A few years later, he was elected sheriff, serving therein two years. About the close of his term in that office Mr. Brandt visited Iowa, seeing much of the young state, and walking from Des Moines to Council Bluffs and return. That visit conspired to make him wish to live in this state, and in the year 1858 he brought his wife and their three children to Des Moines, to be thereafter their home. He at once entered actively into mercantile business, which he followed for several years, when he went into the real estate business. In 1867, he became deputy treasurer of state, which office he held for six years. The year he left the treasury, he was elected a Representative in the General Assembly from the county of Polk. In that capacity he was as ever active. He was made by Speaker Gear, who