

Forty-sixth and Forty-sixth Extra, and Forty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly. He also served in the special sessions of the thirties when the State of Iowa and the whole nation were in dire stress. These sessions and his service were of benefit to all as they supported agriculture and the small business of Iowa.

He was elected Crawford County Supervisor and took office in January of 1948 and except for one term served continuously at that capacity until his death, at which time he was chairman of the board. He passed away suddenly in Denison, Iowa, on October 20, 1964 at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dreessen moved to Denison, Iowa, on May 20, 1948, and made their home there since that time. He had been a member of the Masonic order and a member of the Presbyterian Church and served in church offices. He also held office of Democratic Committeeman.

Mr. Dreessen is survived by his wife, Wilhelmina; three daughters, Mrs. Glen Hollander of West Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Ralph Alter of Coffeyville, Kansas; and Mrs. Lowell Miller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; three sons, Alfred W. Dreessen of Wall Lake, Iowa; Marvin Dreessen of Vail, Iowa; and Leonard Dreessen of Vail, Iowa; ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren, four sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable William J. Dreessen 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.

HAROLD J. HOUSTON,
LAMAR FOSTER, SR.,
ARTHUR C. HANSON,
Committee.

W. E. (PENN) ECKLES

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable W. E. (Penn) Eckles, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

W. E. (Penn) Eckles was born near New Kingston, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1882, and passed away at Britt, Iowa, on May 17, 1965, at the age of 82 years.

Mr. Eckles was educated in the schools of New Kingston and Kost Normal, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. He came to Iowa in 1902 and settled near Goldfield; farmed for several years, owned and operated a meat market in Goldfield for four years.

He married Marian W. McCutcheon, Eagle Grove, Iowa, in 1906, and to them three children were born: one son, Forrest; two daughters, Mrs. M. F. Greiman of Garner, and Mrs. Alfred Bottora, El Monte, California.

Mr. Eckles came to Hancock County in 1917 and settled on a 320 acre farm, which he owned and operated in partnership with his son. He was County Supervisor for 12 years, and chairman of the board for nine years.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic and I.O.O.F. lodges. Mr. Eckles, a Republican, served in the Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third, Fifty-fourth, and Fifty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly as a state representative from Hancock County.

Survivors include his son, two daughters and two sisters.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable W. E. (Penn) Eckles 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 remaining 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 members of the family of the deceased.

VICTOR C. STUELAND,
CASEY LOSS,
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,
Committee.

WILLIS CHARLES EDSON

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

Willis Charles Edson was born September 25, 1874, in Wilton, Illinois, son of Charles and Elizabeth Edson.

Willis Edson was educated in rural schools. He attended Buena Vista College, Iowa State College and the University of Iowa. He received his Doctor of Laws degree in 1901.

On November 11, 1911, he married Ethelyn Bailie of Storm Lake.

Mr. Edson began practicing law in Storm Lake in 1902 after teaching school in Calhoun and Sac counties. He was Buena Vista county attorney from 1908 to 1912. He was also city attorney and mayor of Storm Lake for several years. Mr. Edson served as State Representative in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth Extra sessions of the General Assembly. He was Speaker of the House in 1925. Willis Edson was Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1936.

Surviving are his widow, Ethelyn; two sons, Robert C. of Storm Lake, and James of Omaha; and three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Ayers, Mrs. Max Dillon and Mrs. James Hamilton all of Storm Lake.