

Life is real! Life is earnest!
 And the grave is not its goal:
 "Dust thou art, to dust returnest,"
 Was not written of the soul.
 Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
 Let the dead Past bury its dead!
 Act!—act in the living Present!
 Heart within and God o'er head.

HON. BENJAMIN F. ELBERT.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Benjamin F. Elbert, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, an overruling Providence has removed from the activities of life Honorable Benjamin F. Elbert, an esteemed member of the House of Representatives in the Thirteenth General Assembly,

Resolved, That in his death his family has lost a devoted husband and an affectionate father, the State, an able and patriotic citizen.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be made a part of the records of this House.

Benjamin Ficklin Elbert was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, was identified with the interests of the State from his infancy, and he remained its honored citizen until his death. He witnessed its development from a scattered frontier settlement into the proudest commonwealth in all the American Union. He saw its population, its wealth, its manufactures, its mining industries, its agricultural products, its educational facilities, multiply and remultiply into colossal magnitude, and his latest glance at the beloved State with whose history he was so conspicuously connected, revealed her at the very climax of her national prestige and power. It is difficult for us of this generation to understand the tremendous obligation we owe to the stalwart pioneers who with undaunted courage and intrepid spirit endured the perils of privation and adventure necessary to subdue the savagery of the wilderness, and to appropriate its natural resources to the purpose of civilization. There were giants in those primitive days, and one of the strongest, ablest and worthiest of them was B. F. Elbert. He had no ambition for the preferments of public station, but his countrymen compelled his election to this body, and while here he discharged every duty with unqualified acceptability to his constituents.

For thirty years he was engaged most strenuously in business activities, and his success was so uniform and phenomenal that for the past decade he has been one of the most influential private citizens in Iowa. His laborious life is ended, and it is modest eulogy to say that all his days were days of usefulness, and all his paths were paths of honor.

N. E. KENDALL,
E. H. ENGLISH,
F. M. EPPERSON,

HON. S. A. MOORE

MR. SPEAKER.—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life and public services of Hon. S. A. Moore beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, An all wise Creator in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst on Feb. 6, 1905, Hon S. A. Moore, an honored member of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa three times, twice of the Senate and one of the House of Representatives, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death his family has lost a kind and loving member, and the State has lost the services, valuable counsel and exemplary life, of an honored and upright citizen, and his community a just man.

Born in Indiana and reared under the most adverse circumstances, he worked his way up through the various stages of apprentice to a printer, clerk in a store, editor of a small newspaper, postmaster at Columbus. He was elected a member of the Indiana Legislature of 1850 and 51.

As a soldier he was valiant and patriotic, serving his country faithfully and well in the time of peril; as a citizen he was true to the highest ideals giving freely of his time and talent for his country's welfare; as a neighbor in all his relations both social and business he was always kind, honest and just. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of the House and that the chief clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the bereaved family.

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N. E. KENDALL,
MALCOLM F. MCNIE,
