

## CHARLES FRANCIS CLARK

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Charles Francis Clark, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles Francis Clark was born at Belle Plaine, Iowa, on August 13, 1871. He passed away on February 6, 1955, at the age of 83 years.

He was a graduate of Coe College and was a member of its board of trustees. He graduated from the law department of the University of Iowa in June, 1894.

Mr. Clark was a director of the American Trust and Savings Bank of Cedar Rapids, a member of the Congregational Church, Sons of the American Revolution, Military Order of the Loyal Legion, Knights Templar, Consistory, Knights of Pythias, American Bar Association, and a member of the executive committee of the Iowa State Bar Association.

He was married to Elizabeth Besler, of Cedar Rapids, on November 29, 1900. To this union was born one son, Herbert F. Clark.

Mr. Clark was elected Representative from Linn County and served in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Fortieth Extra. He was elected to the Senate and served in the Forty-second Extra, Forty-third and Forty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly. He was a Republican in politics.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Charles Francis Clark, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the Senate 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 Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

FRANK C. BYERS,  
DON RISK,  
W. C. MOLISON,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

## STEPHEN RAY EMERSON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable Stephen Ray Emerson, submits the following report:

Stephen Ray Emerson, building contractor and legislator, was born in Union County, Iowa, February 25, 1889, son of Lincoln Jasper and Verna Shaw Emerson, and grandson of the Reverend Stephen and Mary Peek Emerson of Union County, and died at Creston, Iowa, August 1, 1953, at the age of 64 years.

He was graduated from Creston High School in 1908 and from Central College at Pella in 1910. He was married to Meta F. Raney of Marengo, Iowa at Fairfield, Iowa, October 13, 1913, who survives him with three daughters, Mrs. Gail Brown, Mrs. Joseph G. Knock and Mrs. Jane James, all of Creston.

He was engaged in building contracting for 27 years with his brother, Donald Emerson, at Creston; was president of the State Savings Bank of Creston a number of years and chairman of its board of directors at the time of his death.

He served in two sessions of the Iowa Senate from the Fifth Senatorial District, two years as president of the Master Builders Association of Iowa, two terms as a member of the Iowa Highway Commission, two terms on the Creston School Board, eight years as the Mayor of Creston and as a delegate from Iowa to the National Republican Convention at Cleveland in 1916.

He was a member of the Congregational Church, the Rotary Club, the Elks and the Masonic Order.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly:* That in the passing of the Honorable Stephen Ray Emerson, the state has lost an able and honored citizen and the Senate tenders by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family, and

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

X. T. PRENTIS,  
THOMAS C. LARSON,  
JOHN D. SHOEMAN,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### M. X. GESKE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable M. X. Geske of McGregor, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

M. X. Geske was born in McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa, on the first day of November, 1870. He died October 26, 1951, at the age of 80 years. Mr. Geske was graduated from McGregor High School in 1889 and taught school as a rural school teacher in 1890 and 1891 in Allamakee County, thereafter he taught high school in Windon, Minnesota and Lake Crystal, Minnesota. In 1898 to 1899, he read law in the office of D. D. Murphy at Elkader, Iowa and became associated in 1901 and 1902. He practiced law in McGregor from that time until his death. He was County Attorney of Clayton County from 1904 to 1908.