

HON. LAURITZ ENGER

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the Hon. Lauritz M. Enger, beg leave to submit the following report:

Lauritz M. Enger was born in Norway, November 3, 1856 and departed this life at his home, Decorah, Iowa, August 2, 1920.

His father, Magnus Enger, was a farmer in Norway, where he and his wife are both buried.

Lauritz M. Enger attended public school in his native country until he was fifteen years of age, but during the last two years of this period was obliged to gain his own livelihood. At the age of fifteen he borrowed enough money to pay his passage to the United States and afterward worked at farm labor in order to pay his debt. When this was discharged, he continued at his former occupation, working as a farm hand during the summer months and attending district school in the winters. He later became a student at Breckenridge Institution in Decorah and upon leaving that institution secured a position as a clerk in a general store in this city, retaining it for six years thereafter. At the end of that time he rented a farm but after operating it for two years returned to Decorah where he purchased a shoe store, turning his attention to mercantile pursuits. For nine years he continued to conduct this enterprise and during a portion of this time was employed also in the Decorah postoffice as mailing clerk. He then accepted a position in the office of the Decorah Posten, beginning in the mailing department and rising until he had full charge of same and later assisted in the editorial and business departments. He also did a great deal of illustrating and he remained connected with the paper for sixteen years, during which time he also established himself in the insurance business. In this line of work he was active and in control of a large and representative patronage and numbered among the substantial business men of the city.

Mr. Enger was elected to the House of Representatives in 1910, was re-elected in 1912. He completed his legislative activities by serving with distinction in the Senate of the 36th and 37th General Assemblies.

On the 10th of February, 1880, Mr. Enger was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Myran, a daughter of Ashley and Astri (Nelson) Myran, natives of Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Enger were the parents of three children: Melvin, aged thirty-two, who is a professor in the university of Illinois; Norval, aged thirty, county engineer of Grant county, Washington; and Arthur, assistant engineer at the experiment station of the State University at Tuscon, Arizona. He is an expert on road construction and travels all over the state in this capacity.

Mr. Enger was a devout member of the Lutheran church and gave his political allegiance to the republican party. He was a member of

the Norske Salskab Club and the Symra Club and was well known in social circles at Decorah. He was a man of varied interests but all along lines of progress and improvement. While in business affairs he achieved a gratifying measure of prosperity, he at the same time wrought along lines of the greatest good to the greatest number, his activities in political and business fields providing of benefits to community at large.

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public service and at this time extend to his surviving children its sincere sympathy in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions be spread upon the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an engrossed copy to the children of the deceased.

O. GILBERTSON,
WM. BECKER,
J. H. ANDERSON,

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1921.

HON. F. F. ROE

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

Whereas, The Honorable Ferguson F. Roe, who was heretofore a member of the House of Representatives from Monona county during the twenty-second (22d) and twenty third (23d) General Assemblies, departed this life at his home near Castana, Iowa, January 5, 1920, and

Whereas, His record as a man, a legislator, a public official and a citizen, has been of the highest character, and

Whereas, It is fitting that we should recognize in some fitting manner, the passing of this distinguished citizen, therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa, that in the death of Ferguson F. Roe, the state of Iowa has suffered a loss.

"Ferguson F. Roe was born in Darke county, Ohio, November 18, 1832. He was the fourth of a family of eight children.

In his youth Mr. Roe attended the district school in Jackson township, Darke county, Ohio, and at the age of eighteen years commenced serving an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade, at which he served for about two years. The succeeding years he was engaged in studying in the school again, but later removed to Union City, Rudolph county, Indiana, on the line and started a forge of his own, and there remained until September 1855 when selling his tools and packing up