

She was active in the music field, singing in the Betty Lavonn Trio with her sister for more than 30 years, teaching piano and directing 13 choral groups in California, Utah, and Iowa.

Over the years, she edited four church papers, published a religious periodical index, wrote for many national periodicals and Indiana and Iowa newspapers. In 1956, she and her sister compiled a book of meditations from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The family moved to Mason City in 1959 and became members of Wesley United Methodist Church. Always active in church work, Beje held local, district and conference offices with the United Methodist Women. She was Christian education director for seven years and financial secretary for five years.

Her in-depth work on criminal and juvenile justice resulted in a governor's appointment to the Advisory Council to the Division of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning. She chaired Iowa's Justice Fellowship Task Force and served on the boards of several other justice groups.

A Republican, Mrs. Clark was a member of the Sixty-seventh, Sixty-seventh Extra, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Sixty-ninth Extra, Sixty-ninth Second Extra, Seventieth, Seventy-first, Seventy-second, Seventy-second Extra, Seventy-second Second Extra and Seventy-third General Assemblies.

Betty Jean Clark passed away April 10, 2005, at the age of 84.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-first General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Betty Jean Clark, 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 her service.

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.

BILL SCHICKEL
MARK KUHN
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Committee

THOMAS COOPER EVANS

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Thomas Cooper Evans begs to submit the following Memorial:

Thomas Cooper Evans was born May 26, 1924 in Cedar Rapids, son of Thomas E. and Ora Evans. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Iowa State University and a master's degree in civil engineering. In 1948 he married Jean Ruppelt.

Mr. Evans spent 22 years in Washington, including 14 years in the Army. He served as a staff member of the Atomic Energy Commission and was director of lunar missions at NASA in the early 1960's.

He served Iowa's 3rd Congressional District from 1980-1986. He didn't run in 1986, but was hired by Governor Terry Branstad to study ways to improve Iowa's grain quality and exports. The Des Moines Register named him Iowa Farm Leader of the Year in 1989. Mr. Evans served in the elder Bush administration through 1991.

Through 1996, Mr. Evans worked for Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance, working on free-enterprise agriculture policy initiatives in the former Soviet Republics and Eastern Bloc states.

He lived in Grundy Center with his wife, Jean and spent much of his time in recent years farming in Missouri.

A Republican, Mr. Evans was a member of the Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-seventh Extra and the first half of the Sixty-eighth General Assemblies.

Thomas Cooper Evans passed away December 22, 2005, at the age of 81.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-first General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Thomas Cooper Evans, 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.

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.

LANCE HORBACH
MARK SMITH
POLLY GRANZOW
Committee

ROBERT J. GRANDIA

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Robert J. Grandia begs to submit the following Memorial:

Robert John Grandia was born December 28, 1914, near Leighton, son of John A. and Josena (Klyn) Grandia. He graduated from Pella High school in 1932. At the age of 17, Robert began working for other farmers to help his parents save the farm during the Great Depression. He then did carpentry work and worked at Brom's hatchery for two years. During this time he married Carol Keuning. They had two children, Barbara Joyce and John Henry.

In 1945, the family moved to Eddyville where Bob and Carol (better known as "Tootie") operated a restaurant with her brother. In 1947, they were living above "Bob