

HON. MATT EWART

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life and character and public service of the Honorable Matt Ewart, beg leave to submit the following:

Honorable Matt Ewart was born in Morrow county, Ohio, in 1839. He came to Poweshiek county, Iowa, in 1866 and with his brother, Robert Ewart, under the firm name of Ewart Bros., became the largest land owners and stock feeders in Poweshiek county. At one time Mr. Ewart was pronounced one of the foremost business men in his county, and only those who knew him during his years of business activities are familiar with his worth and usefulness. He was an active man, a great reader, deep thinker and a student of politics. He was always loyal to agricultural interests and gave his support to those principles which he believed were for the best interests of the western farmer. He was a strong prohibitionist, in practice as well as principle, and was a strong supporter of the prohibition amendment in 1882 and during that campaign addressed meetings throughout the county in support of the amendment. Mr. Ewart was quiet, honest, modest in his personal contact with men, but always aggressive when following a principle and always true to his convictions. He was a man of influence, a bulder, a leader of men and one of the men whose name will always be held in honor throughout the county. Mr. Ewart was elected as a member of the House of the Twenty-third General Assembly. He held a commanding position in the legislature and was very close at one time to the election of speaker of the house.

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