

16, 1939, at Sioux City. He is survived by his beloved wife, one son, Samuel R. Davenport, Ph. D., of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, one granddaughter, Rosalyn Gay Davenport of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, and five brothers and sisters.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly,* That the state has lost a valued and beloved citizen, and the House of Representatives would tender, by this resolution, its sincere, heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their sorrow.

*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.

ROBERT CARLSON,  
HAROLD F. NELSON,  
J. R. HALL,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN FELT

**MT. SPEAKER:** Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Benjamin Franklin Felt of Clay county, begs leave to submit the following report:

Representative Benjamin Franklin Felt was born at Galena, Jo Daviess county, Illinois, February 6, 1862, to which city his parents came at an early date from Plattsburgh, New York. His parents were American born. His education was received in the public schools of Galena with one year at Lake Forest Academy, and one year at Beloit College, Wisconsin.

In 1881 he went to Storm Lake in the capacity of field agent for the Iowa Land and Investment Company of that place. Four years later he settled upon his farm in Clay township, Clay county, where for fourteen years he conducted a successful business in diversified farming.

In 1887 he married Agnes Rae Avery, daughter of Major George S. Avery of Galena, Illinois. In 1900 they moved to a farm in Sioux township adjacent to the city of Spencer. He was elected State Representative in 1906 and served in the Thirty-second, Thirty-second Extra, Thirty-third, and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies. It was during this time that the Senate marched into the House every morning for one hundred legislative days and voted for the election of a United States Senator. On the one hundredth day Honorable W. S. Kenyon was elected. Representative Felt never wavered in his support of Senator Kenyon. This was the last time that a United States Senator was elected by the General Assembly.

Representative Felt introduced and secured the passage of the county hospital bill which has since been adopted as a model by other states.

Among the outstanding activities of Mr. Felt was the organization of the Clay County Farmers' Institute in which he secured the cooperation of the extension department of the State College of Agriculture. These

institutes were held in the winter months and continued for three days and were very largely attended by the farmers of the county. They marked the beginning of testing of seed corn for planting. This work was ultimately responsible for the organization of the Clay County Fair.

He died on August 31, 1939. He was courageous, honest and steadfast with a distinctly humanitarian spirit. He was a member of the Congregational church and a Republican.

Surviving are his widow, Agnes Avery Felt of Spencer, Iowa, and Anna Felt, a sister residing at Galena, Illinois.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That, in the passing of the Honorable Benjamin Franklin Felt, the state of Iowa has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House tenders its sympathy to the surviving members of his family.*

*Bt It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to his surviving widow, Mrs. Agnes Avery Felt, and one to his sister, Miss Anna Felt.*

A. H. AVERY,  
THEO. C. HUTCHINSON,  
L. O. LAMPMANN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE F. E. HYETT

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to choose a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of the late F. E. Hyett, begs leave to submit the following:

Frank E. Hyett was born in Batesville, Ohio, in 1868, and came to Iowa when he was a young man. He worked at various jobs and finally obtained a position with the Hawkeye Lumber Company at Oskaloosa, Iowa. He worked for this company for a good many years and finally became the manager. He was a partner in and operated the Hyett Synhorst Lumber yard at Oskaloosa for seven years and then moved to Wright, Iowa, where he purchased a lumber yard and elevator and remained until his death on March 23, 1940.

Mr. Hyett was a member of the Presbyterian church at Oskaloosa for over forty years and always devoted considerable time to church work and to various civic movements. He was a member of the Y. M. C. A. board and the Chamber of Commerce, the K. P. Lodge and was a councilman for a number of years.

He served the state of Iowa and Mahaska county well and faithfully as a member of the Forty-eighth General Assembly.

Mr. Hyett is survived by his widow.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of Frank E. Hyett, the state of Iowa mourns the loss of one of its honored and distinguished citizens, and*

*Bt It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon*