

HON. JOEL M. FENN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Honorable Joel M. Fenn, late of Clarke county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Honorable Joel M. Fenn was born in Marietta, Washington county, Ohio, August 9, 1844, and died at Murray, Iowa, May 7, 1914. He moved to Iowa with his parents in 1855, locating in Henry county near the town of Salem. Here he acquired his education in the common schools and in the normal school. He later taught several terms of school in Henry county, when he moved to Clarke county where he followed teaching for eight years.

The latter part of his life was devoted to farming and stockraising.

In 1876 he was married to Mary E. Ogden, and to them were born four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Fenn always took an active interest in community and public affairs.

He was elected Representative in 1906 and re-elected in 1908, on the republican ticket.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Forty-second General Assembly of the state of Iowa take this occasion to present this tribute to his memory and express its appreciation of his worthy, charitable and public service.

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this House, and an enrolled copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

F. H. HARRISON,
J. W. KENT,
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Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 6, 1927.

HON. MATTHEW H. FRANCIS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Honorable Matthew H. Francis, late of Boone county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Honorable Matthew H. Francis, who represented Boone county in the Forty-first General Assembly, was born April 25th, 1872, at Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania. When quite young he removed with his parents to Boone county, Iowa, and resided upon a farm in Peoples township. He attended the common schools of his county, and afterwards attended the high school in Woodward, Iowa, from which he graduated in 1888. He later entered Highland Park College in Des Moines, Iowa, and graduated from that institution in 1894.

Mr. Francis was a farmer, and while his education and qualifications equipped him for other and different vocations, yet he always classified himself as a farmer, and made farming his life work. He was a progressive student of agriculture, and was intensely interested in every problem