

*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.

JOHN E. YOUNG,  
GRANT SHIFFLETT,  
KIRK R. NICHOLSON,  
*Committee.*

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Memorial to the Honorable Charles W. Files of Cerro Gordo County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Charles W. Files, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles W. Files, son of James and Mary J. Files, was born in Johnson County, Iowa, November 25, 1871. He spent his early years on the family farm in Johnson County and graduated from the Shueyville High School. In 1910 he migrated to Portland Township in Cerro Gordo County where he continued to spend the remainder of his life. His first wife, Bessie Warner Files, died in 1942, and his parents and two sisters preceded him in death.

Mr. Files was united in marriage in October of 1943 to Blanche O'Neal, who survives him. He is also survived by a son, Wade W. Files of Blanch, North Carolina, and two grandsons, Douglas Wade Files and Donald Ray Files. In addition to his immediate family he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Myrtle M. Simmons and Stella C. Files of Boone, Iowa, and three brothers, J. Ray Files of Los Angeles, California, E. Wayne Files of Chicago, Illinois and Lee D. Files of Horicon, Wisconsin.

He was active in the Community Church of Portland for many years and was active in religious and civic movements for the betterment of the community. He continued his interest in agricultural activities throughout his life.

Mr. Files served in the House of Representatives in the Forty-third General Assembly from Cerro Gordo County, was active in Townsend clubs and a member of the Mason City Rotary club for many years.

A beloved member of his community, his passing on July 10, 1950, at a Mason City hospital following a lingering illness, bereaves the state and his county of a respected and beloved citizen.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Charles W. Files, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen and the House expresses its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his 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.

W. H. TATE,  
G. T. KUESTER,  
GENE POSTON,  
*Committee.*

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#### Memorial to the Honorable Charles V. Findlay of Webster County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Charles V. Findlay, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles V. Findlay was born at Pawpaw, Illinois, on September 18, 1866. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1870 in a covered wagon drawn by a yoke of oxen.

The Findlays homesteaded in Clay County and in 1877 they moved to Webster County.

Mr. Findlay received his early education in the rural schools of Clay and Webster counties, and taught school in and near Kalo in Webster County for several years.

He was graduated from Highland Park College in Des Moines in 1891 as a member of the first class, with a bachelor of science degree. In 1898 he received his master's degree.

Mr. Findlay was Webster County superintendent of schools from 1892 until 1900 when he became president of Tobin College in Fort Dodge. He served in that capacity until 1931.

He was married on June 29, 1899, to Miss Mabel Southwick of Lake Mills, whom he met while both were students at Highland Park College. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay both taught classes at Tobin College, where hundreds of young men and women from northwest Iowa farms and communities were pupils of theirs.

Mr. Findlay was a member of the House of Representatives from Webster County in the Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-eighth Extra sessions of the General Assembly. He was elected State Senator from the Webster-Calhoun district and served in the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first and Fifty-second General Assemblies.

He was elected mayor of Fort Dodge in 1923, and served ten years in that office. He was a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians, and was also editor and publisher of a textbook, "Parliamentary Law Made Easy."