

He belonged to the First Congregational Church of Fort Dodge, and served as a deacon of the church.

In 1903 Mr. Findlay became a member of the board of trustees of the Fort Dodge public library. He served as president of the board from June 15, 1911, until August of 1950 when he resigned because of ill health. He was a member of the Iowa State Library Association and served as president of that group in 1928.

For many years a member of the board of directors of the Y.M.C.A., he was also on the board of directors of the Fort Dodge Chamber of Commerce. He spent several terms as a member of the local Boy Scout council.

Mr. Findlay also belonged to Ashlar Masonic Lodge, Delta chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Calvary Commandery of Knights Templar.

A farm owner, he had a great deal of interest in agriculture and his hobbies included gardening and outdoor sports.

Mr. Findlay, one of Fort Dodge's best known citizens, died March 3, 1951 at the age of 84. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay observed their golden wedding anniversary with a family reunion in Fort Dodge in June of 1949.

Surviving him are his wife and a son, Mr. James Franklin Findlay, president of Drury College at Springfield, Missouri, and two grandchildren, Mrs. G. T. Odom, Jr. of Norman, Oklahoma and J. F. Findlay, Jr., of Springfield. One son, Maurice Southwick Findlay, died while a student at Grinnell College.

*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 V. Findlay, the state has lost an able and honored citizen and the House tenders, by this resolution, 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.

FRANCIS E. TIERNEY,  
EDWARD OPPERDAHL,  
JOHN A. WALKER,  
*Committee.*

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#### Memorial to the Honorable James Smith Francis of Taylor County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late James Smith Francis, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

James Smith Francis, legislator and newspaper editor, was born on a farm south of Kent, Iowa, September 27, 1873. He passed away in

Gravity, Iowa, on August 8, 1949, at the age of seventy-five years. He received his education in a rural school, and Highland Park College in Des Moines, Iowa.

On August 1, 1906, he was united in marriage to Mary Coan of Creston, Iowa, and to this union was born one daughter, now Mrs. Scott Cramer, of Chicago, Illinois.

At an early age, Mr. Francis united with the Presbyterian Church, then transferred to the Methodist Church of which he was a member for sixty years. He was an adult Sunday School teacher for fifty years, and a member of the Masonic Lodge. He sang tenor in many quartets, served on the city council, was a member of the school board for twenty years, and was editor of the Gravity Independent newspaper for forty-two years.

In 1919 Honorable James Smith Francis was elected to represent Taylor County in the House of Representatives. He served in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable James Smith Francis, the state has lost a valued and honorable citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to his beloved family in their great 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.

KIRK R. NICHOLSON,  
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,  
H. A. MOORE,  
*Committee.*

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#### Memorial to the Honorable Fred C. Gilchrist of Pocahontas County

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

The Honorable Fred C. Gilchrist, son of Professor James C. and Hannah Cramer Gilchrist, was born in California, Washington County, Pennsylvania, on June 2, 1868. He graduated from the Iowa State Normal School in 1887. He then came to Laurens where he lived on a farm in Sherman Township, known as the Gilchrist farm, southeast of Laurens. He taught in the rural schools near Laurens and was principal of the Laurens school one year and at Rolfe two years. On reaching his majority in 1889 he was elected superintendent of schools, serving in this capacity for two years. He was the youngest official of the kind in the state. He was a member of the Laurens school board for a period of 25 years, retiring from this position when he entered the Iowa State Senate in 1922.