

He was graduated from Creston High School in 1908 and from Central College at Pella in 1910. He was married to Meta F. Raney of Marengo, Iowa at Fairfield, Iowa, October 13, 1913, who survives him with three daughters, Mrs. Gail Brown, Mrs. Joseph G. Knock and Mrs. Jane James, all of Creston.

He was engaged in building contracting for 27 years with his brother, Donald Emerson, at Creston; was president of the State Savings Bank of Creston a number of years and chairman of its board of directors at the time of his death.

He served in two sessions of the Iowa Senate from the Fifth Senatorial District, two years as president of the Master Builders Association of Iowa, two terms as a member of the Iowa Highway Commission, two terms on the Creston School Board, eight years as the Mayor of Creston and as a delegate from Iowa to the National Republican Convention at Cleveland in 1916.

He was a member of the Congregational Church, the Rotary Club, the Elks and the Masonic Order.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Stephen Ray Emerson, the state has lost an able and honored citizen and the Senate tenders by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family, and

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

X. T. PRENTIS,
THOMAS C. LARSON,
JOHN D. SHOEMAN,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

M. X. GESKE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable M. X. Geske of McGregor, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

M. X. Geske was born in McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa, on the first day of November, 1870. He died October 26, 1951, at the age of 80 years. Mr. Geske was graduated from McGregor High School in 1889 and taught school as a rural school teacher in 1890 and 1891 in Allamakee County, thereafter he taught high school in Windon, Minnesota and Lake Crystal, Minnesota. In 1898 to 1899, he read law in the office of D. D. Murphy at Elkader, Iowa and became associated in 1901 and 1902. He practiced law in McGregor from that time until his death. He was County Attorney of Clayton County from 1904 to 1908.

Mr. Geske had a wide variety of interests and served as Mayor of McGregor, a member of the Board of Education and a bank director of the local bank. He served as President of the Clayton County Bar Association for a number of years. Mr. Geske belonged to Masonic lodge, Consistory and Shrine. He was elected to the State Senate from Clayton County and served faithfully two terms from 1932 to 1940.

Mr. Geske was a man who had many varied and respected interests in his home community. He was always vitally interested in the importance of agricultural pursuits to the welfare of the State of Iowa and his ability in his many activities made him a valuable asset to his community and state.

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable M. X. Geske, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen and one who contributed unselfish service to the State of Iowa.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

A. J. JOHNSON,
GEORGE L. SCOTT,
FRANK D. ELWOOD,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

SAM D. GOETSCH

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Sam D. Goetsch of Decorah, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Sam D. Goetsch was born in Sheboygan County, Random Lake, Wisconsin on November 14, 1879, of German parentage. At the age of thirteen years, he moved to Moore County, Minnesota with his parents and he was educated in the local schools of Wisconsin and Minnesota. He was married to Hannah Bush of Moore County, Minnesota, and they reared a family of eight children consisting of six girls and two boys. He moved to Decorah, Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1924 and resided there until his death on the 26th day of June, 1954. His main occupations were that of farming, the operation of a real estate business and the operation of a general mercantile business in his home community. He had a wide variety of interests and actively participated in many community activities and affairs.

Senator Goetsch was elected to the State Senate in 1934 as a member of the Democratic party. He served as a member of the State Senate for one term.