

I have often thought as we look about us and see men who have lived and are older than we are, that the lives of each of us are largely made up from the character and qualities of the lives of other men who have been near us. This is the first time, I think, during my career in the Legislature that I have ever had occasion to speak on a memorial and the first time that anyone from my own district has been memorialized at a session of the Senate. On this occasion especially I am reminded of the splendid man that I have the privilege at this time to present this resolution in regard to.

He had all those native qualities and as I used to look at him during his career in the law practice, I have seen what seemed to me, many of the characteristics of Lincoln himself, I have heard him describe that bloody battle of Chickamauga where four out of every five men in his company were shot down. His interest in the affairs of his county and in the affairs of his state were greatly enhanced because of the part he took in the great service of the Civil War and he carried with him, I think through life some of the ideals he sought, and as we younger men saw him, we gathered from him some of his ideals. Judge Carson was one of those men who never reap fame. He was too diffident in his way to ever become famous, but he was one of those splendid men who acted wisely and well, and over and above all, as I remember Judge Carson I like to think how many, many men there are in the world who have the same qualities or equal qualities who really never attain prominence and often never make a success in their chosen profession. The very qualities which made him famous, prevented him from every becoming wealthy,—the very qualities that really made him capable and showed that he was a splendid thinker and with all, quite a wonderful man in a small way, with his natural adverseness to notoriety kept him from ever being a noted character, in this state, though he had all the qualities.

The best thing that can be said of him is that he was one of those dependable American citizens, always taking an active part in the affairs of his locality and city, and in his state, and who was satisfied that the greatest thing in life was fealty to his family and to his friends and to his country, and with that he lived through life and that was his only claim to greatness.

GILBERT S. GILBERTSON.

Senator Kingland, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption :

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of Gilbert S. Gilbertson, beg leave to submit the following report.

Gilbert S. Gilbertson was of Norwegian parentage and was born in Spring Grove, Minnesota, October 17th, 1863 and died in Des Moines, Iowa, November 25th, 1917. His early advantages were by no means extra-

business college in Janesville, Wisconsin.

At the age of sixteen years he came to Worth County, Iowa, where he worked on his father's farm until he secured a position as bookkeeper and son was united in marriage to Belle D. Whitney who survives him, and to this union was born two daughters, Mrs. Earl H. Scripps and Mrs. E. Chase West, the latter of whom died recently.

It may be said of Gilbert S. Gilbertson that he was a self made man and the positions to which he arose during his life was due to the fine personality and native ability he possessed. He first entered public service in 1889 when he was elected to the position of clerk of the District Court of Winnebago County, Iowa, which position he held for four consecutive terms. In 1896 he was elected State Senator on the Republican ticket from the forty-fifth district consisting of Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth counties. He was a prominent member of the state Senate and his conspicuous service and ability led to his nomination and election in 1910 to the office of State Treasurer of Iowa which position he held for six years. He was a business man of more than ordinary ability and was a man of enterprise and public spirit. Besides his public activities he was always active in business and particularly banking and real estate and his connection with the business was considered an asset and sought by leading business men of the state. His activities in insurance and fraternal circles made for him a large number of acquaintances and warm friends.

He was one of the most genial and companionable of men and was staunch and loyal to his friends even when to his own personal disadvantage; and loyalty is one of the better attributes of man. During the latter years of his life he was stricken with a fatal disease and suffered from this for years before his death to such an extent that he had to abandon active interest in many of the important business enterprises in which he was theretofore engaged. All who knew him personally and intimately sympathized with his ill fortune in the loss of his health and it was indeed sad that he was so stricken in the best years of his life for usefulness and influence in business and political affairs.

Gilbert S. Gilbertson was a republican in politics but he had the respect and confidence of the opposition party as well. It is significant that in the election of 1900 for State Treasurer his majority was over one hundred thousand. It may be said of him that he had a host of friends and few enemies. He died at a prime of life when he had accomplished much and was ripe in experience and influence, but at a time when because of these facts, he would, if health and life had been spared, been of still greater influence to his community and state, yet it must be said of him that during his life, although comparatively brief, he had achieved much. His early struggles for advancement in life and his successful career had endowed him with the attributes of diligence and industry because all he had and all he had accomplished he owed to his own efforts and native ability. He succeeded where many with a great many more advantages have failed. His memory will be cherished most by those who knew him best and he is mourned by a host of friends to whom he was always loyal

and kind. In his death, the community in which he lived lost a most estimable friend and neighbor, and his state one of its best and most prominent citizens.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Senate has heard with deep sorrow and regret of his death and that it recognize the high character of his service to this state, and in his death the state has lost a worthy, distinguished and noble citizen, and

Be It Resolved, That this Senate extend to his family its sincere sympathy of their great bereavement, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That those resolutions be entered upon the Senate journal and a copy sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

F. A. KINGLAND,

BYRON W. NEWBERRY,

H. C. WHITE,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

In adopting the resolutions, Senator Kingland spoke as follows:

I am not prepared to make a speech, yet I do want to say a few words and pay a humble tribute to a deceased friend. I had the good fortune to know Senator Gilbertson since he was comparatively a young man. His activities as a public man preceded the time that I had anything to do with public affairs, but I knew him as a neighbor and as a friend and I can conscientiously say that those who knew him thought well of him.

Mr. Gilbertson did not aspire to the gifts of oratory, but in spite of that, I believe it can be truthfully said that he perhaps had as many admiring friends and acquaintances as any public man in this state. As the resolution set forth, he was kind and loyal to his friends. I think at times, perhaps to his own personal loss, but it occurs to me that the man who is loyal to his friends, especially in adversity (and that is when friends are most needed) has in that fact one of the greatest attributes,—an attribute which inspires the admiration of mankind generally. This, I think, can be said in the fullest measure of Gilbert S. Gilbertson.

There are men here who were more in the class of contemporaries and without saying more, I would like to call on these,—the Senator from Clayton who is also a member of this committee.

LIEUT. GOV. JOHN HERRIOTT.

Senator Foster from a special committee submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

Lieutenant Governor John Herriott, President of the Senate during the 29th, 30th and 31st General Assemblies, died in Des Moines, Tuesday, September 24th, 1918, aged 73, the funeral services taking place on Friday following in Stuart, his home city since 1873.