

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.

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.

In 1892 Mr. Gilchrist entered the law school at the State University of Iowa from which he was graduated and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1893, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then returned to Laurens and practiced his profession continuously for 57 years.

The Honorable Fred C. Gilchrist was married to Ellen Louise Hurley in 1896. To this union three children were born: Frances G. Hakes, Fred Cleland Gilchrist, Jr., and Mavis G. Allen, all of Laurens.

In 1901 he was elected State Representative from Humboldt and Pocahontas counties, serving in the Twenty-ninth General Assembly of Iowa. In 1922 he was elected State Senator for the fiftieth senatorial district of Iowa composed of Buena Vista, Pocahontas and Humboldt Counties. He served in the State Senate for two terms until 1930. He was then elected to the Seventy-fourth Congress of the United States from the tenth Iowa district, later known as the eighth Iowa district and now known as the sixth Iowa district, and composed of 15 counties in northwest Iowa. He was re-elected to Congress six consecutive times and served until January 1, 1945, a period of 14 years. He worked for the interests of agriculture throughout his long and distinguished career as a legislator and statesman.

The Honorable Fred C. Gilchrist was honored March 26, 1945, as a 50-year member of the Masonic lodge, and lastly as a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star. He was an honorary member of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mr. Gilchrist died on March 10, 1950, and is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. L. B. Hakes and Mrs. Mavis G. Allen; one son, Fred C. Gilchrist, Jr.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Fred C. Gilchrist the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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.

GUY G. BUTLER,
NORMAN NORLAND,
WENDELL PENDLETON,
Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable William E. Giltner of Monroe County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late