

second Extra General Assemblies. He was active in the American Legion and was a Knight Templar Mason, being a member of the Masonic Lodge for forty years.

Mr. Ellis passed away at Tularosa, New Mexico on May 18, 1958. He is survived by his wife, Blanche, of Tularosa, New Mexico and his two daughters, Mrs. Don J. (Helen Virginia) Wissler of Des Moines, Iowa and Mrs. Howard (Betty Jeanne) Johnson of Keokuk, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Lloyd Ellis the State of Iowa has lost a valuable and honorable citizen and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of the family.

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.

GENE L. HOFFMAN,
JAKE B. MINCKS,
NORVAL B. EVANS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

JAMES J. GILLESPIE

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late James J. Gillespie, Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

James J. Gillespie was born at Scranton, Greene County, Iowa, May 13, 1892, the son of Dr. John J. and Margaret McCune Gillespie. He was reared in Des Moines and was educated in the Des Moines schools. He studied pharmacy and pre-medics at Highland Park College and Drake University in Des Moines.

Jim, as he was known to his host of friends, operated his first drug store on the corner of Seventh and Locust Street. He continued to operate various drugstores in Des Moines for many years before retiring because of ill health. He was active in civic affairs and in retail associations and was a past president of the Iowa Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Gillespie served as State Senator from Polk County in 1936 and 1937, being the first Democrat to hold that office in eighty years. He later served as United States Marshal from 1941 to 1950.

Mr. Gillespie was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, St. John's Holy Name Society, and the fourth degree Knights of Columbus. A veteran of World War I, he was a charter member of Argonne Post of the American Legion.

Death came to Mr. Gillespie at his home in Des Moines on Monday, February 16, 1959. He is survived by his widow Bess, a daughter Betty (Mrs. E. J. Oakes), a sister Mary (Mrs. E. C. Noyes), a half brother Charles W. Gilbride and three grandchildren all of Des Moines.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable James J. Gillespie, 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 in their sorrow.

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.

GEORGE E. O'MALLEY,
D. C. NOLAN,
FRANK C. BYERS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

OTTO E. GUNDERSON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Otto E. Gunderson, begs leave to submit the following:

Otto E. Gunderson was born in Worth County on February 25, 1875, the son of Edward and Olivia Kalgaarden Gunderson, who had come to the United States from Norway. He was married to Gunine Finesgaard on April 19, 1897, in Kenyon, Minnesota.

Mr. Gunderson passed away at the Forest City Municipal Hospital in Forest City, Iowa on January 25, 1958. Surviving members of his family include a daughter, Esther Gunderson of Forest City, Iowa and a son, Lieutenant Colonel Harvey Gunderson of Fort Meade, Maryland, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

After farming with his father for a year in Worth County, Mr. Gunderson established his own store in Kensett, Iowa which he operated for three years. He then moved to Hanlontown where he operated a store for another three years before being named County Superintendent of Schools for Worth County in 1904. He held this position for nine years, during which time he lived in Northwood, Iowa.

In 1913, Mr. Gunderson moved to Forest City, Iowa to accept the position of assistant cashier of the Forest City National Bank. He was associated with the bank until 1928 when he resigned to devote his time to politics, having been elected State Senator from this district in 1923. He served in the Senate of the Iowa General Assembly for two four-year terms.

Following his service in the State Legislature, Mr. Gunderson was named postmaster in 1932 and continued in that position through 1936. In that year, he organized the Forest City Farm Loan Association which handles federal land bank loans in Winnebago and Hancock Counties, and served as its first secretary. During these years, Mr. Gunderson served as Republican County Chairman for Winnebago County for six years and was a delegate to the National Republican Convention of 1940 in Philadelphia.