

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.

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#### 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.

Senator Goetsch was a man of character, noted for his friendliness and for his host of loyal friends. He has often been remembered as a worthy advocate of the welfare of the common man.

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FRANK D. ELWOOD,  
ROBERT R. RIGLER,  
J. KENDALL LYNES,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### MARION CLAIRE HAMIEL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Marion C. Hamiel, begs leave to submit the following:

Marion Claire Hamiel, son of Henry W. and Louella (Eves) Hamiel, was born near Springdale in Cedar County, September 7, 1898, and died at his home in Tipton September 25, 1954, at the age of 56 years.

At the age of seven his parents moved to a farm south of Tipton where he attended a rural school and was graduated from Tipton High School in 1916. He entered the University of Iowa in 1917 and served in the Student's Army Training Corps in 1918. In January, 1919, he resumed his regular studies and was graduated from the college of liberal arts in June, 1921, and in 1923 received his doctor of laws degree.

After being admitted to the bar, he returned to Tipton where he engaged in the practice of law. He was elected Cedar county attorney in the spring of 1924 and served three consecutive terms in that office. While engaged in private practice, he served as city solicitor. In 1932 he was elected a member of the board of the Tipton consolidated school and was chairman for seventeen years.

He served as State Senator in the Forty-ninth General Assembly, resigning in 1942 to become district judge in the 18th judicial district, composed of Cedar, Linn and Jones Counties. He was acting in that capacity at the time of his death, having held court in Cedar Rapids the day before.

Marion Hamiel's religious life was grounded in the Society of Friends. He was born into a Methodist family, himself being a communicant of the Tipton Methodist Church. He was active in various organizations of the church and was also interested and active in the various local civic