

C. Raymond Fisher was born July 13, 1907, near Grand Junction. Raymond was active in farming his entire life and was a Master Farmer. He was very active in many local and state organizations. Mr. Fisher was on the Greene County R.E.C. board. He was active in the Grand Junction Presbyterian Church and was an elder. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine, Lions Club, and Farm Bureau. He also served as a 4-H leader.

A Republican, C. Raymond Fisher was a member of the 58th, 59th, 60th, 60thX, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, and 65th General Assemblies.

C. Raymond Fisher passed away on November 14, 2004, at the age of 97.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-First General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable C. Raymond Fisher, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

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.

DAVE TJEPKES
DONOVAN OLSON
RALPH WATTS
Committee

L.W. JOE GROSS

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable L.W. Joe Gross begs to submit the following Memorial:

L.W. Joe Gross was born October 27, 1925, in Ft. Morgan, Colorado. He graduated from Arispe High School in 1943.

Soon after graduation, Joe entered the U.S. Navy, serving during WWII and served aboard the USS CAPPS (a destroyer) in the South Pacific engaging in eight major campaigns. He was awarded seven Bronze Stars and was honorably discharged from the Navy on March 16, 1946.

After returning home from WWII, Joe joined the Iowa Highway Patrol and worked for them for over 16 years with assignments in Osceola, Chariton and Mt. Ayr. After resigning from the Iowa Highway Patrol, he became an insurance agent and during this time, he also purchased and was administrator at Sunny Slope Nursing Home for ten years. He then built a new facility, Mt. Ayr Health Care Center in 1975, and was the owner and administrator until his retirement on May 1, 1999.

In 1978, Joe was elected to the Republican State Central Committee from the 5th and 3rd Congressional Districts and served the Republican Party of Iowa with honor and distinction for 18 years. Joe was active in the Iowa Health Association and served on their Board of Directors for 14 years. Governor Branstad appointed Joe to two three

year terms on the Iowa State Board of Health. During his tenure on the Board of Health he made many health policies that are in effect today, helping the people of the state of Iowa.

While Joe was still in the Navy, he returned home on a convalescence and rehabilitation leave for two weeks and married his high school sweetheart, Helen Hammans, also of Arispe, on July 20, 1945. Joe was always active in his community having served two terms on the Mt. Ayr City Council, Ringgold County Hospital Board of Trustees, and headed the committee to build the new addition onto the hospital. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge having served as Worshipful Master of Chariton Lodge #63 in Chariton and Faith Lodge #179 in Mt. Ayr.

Joe was a District Lecture for the Grand Lodge of Iowa and he conducted over 100 Masonic Funerals for his lodge and surrounding lodges. He served as Worthy Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a Rainbow Dad and was awarded the Grand Cross of Colors for Rainbow Girls. Joe was a Cub Scout leader, and an active member of the Methodist Church, having served as a Lay Leader and Lay Speaker, served on the Administrative Board and many committees. He was also a Past Commander of the Mt. Ayr American Legion Post #172, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Des Moines Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and a past president of the South Central Shrine Club.

A Republican, Mr. Gross was a member of the 69th, 69thX, and 69thXX General Assemblies.

L.W. Joe Gross passed away on August 2, 2004, at the age of 78.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-First General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable L.W. Joe Gross, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

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.

CECIL DOLECHECK
MIKE REASONER
RICHARD ANDERSON
Committee

KENNETH A. ROBINSON

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Kenneth A. Robinson begs to submit the following Memorial:

Kenneth A. Robinson was born September 29, 1914, near Panora, the son of Albert M. and Ola (Maynard) Robinson. During his junior year of high school he was stricken with polio. He graduated in 1934 from Panora High School and from Drake University in Des Moines with a degree in economics in 1938. While at Drake, he was managing