

Mr. Calkins was a Democrat in politics and was elected as Representative from Adams County to the Thirty-second and Thirty-third General Assemblies. Every time he was a candidate he carried his home township, Lincoln, a township two to one Republican, and his majorities were always large, showing how he was regarded by his home people and neighbors.

While his nature was an optimistic and charitable one, he was outspoken, and there never was a time when his position on a public question could not be ascertained.

Mr. Calkins was a man of aggressive temperament and was possessed of many qualities which built up around him a strong circle of friends wherever he lived and moved; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of the Honorable George Conde Calkins the state and county in which he resided have lost a worthy citizen and an honest and upright man; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered in the Journal of the House, and that an engrossed copy be presented to the family of the deceased by the Chief Clerk.

WALTER NEWCOMB,  
W. J. DIXON,  
G. W. KOONTZ,

*Committee.*

Adopted March 19, 1913.

HON. ZENO H. GURLEY.

MR. SPEAKER--Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of Honorable Zeno H. Gurley beg leave to submit the following:

Reverend Zeno H. Gurley was born at Laharp, Hancock County, Illinois, February 24, 1842. He was for many years a leading minister in the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and from 1874 to 1885 one of the twelve apostles of that body.

He served in the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth sessions and Twenty-sixth extra session of the General Assembly, which position he filled with credit to himself and his constituency. He also served the state as Deputy Warden of the penitentiary at Anamosa. Always maintained a moral character above reproach, and was a man of much more than ordinary ability, especially as a public speaker.

He died at his home in Canton, Missouri, November 22, 1912.

Whereas, The long and honorable career of this honorable citizen should command our respect and goad us on to nobler achievements in this life; therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fifth General Assembly that a transcript of this memorial be furnished to the family of the deceased and a copy thereof be spread on the Journal of the House.

M. F. THOMPSON,  
D. C. STEELSMITH,  
JOHN L. BROWN,  
*Committee.*

Adopted March 20, 1913.

HON. JOHN E. DEMPSTER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare a memorial to commemorate the life and public service of the Honorable John E. Dempster, an honored member of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:

John E. Dempster was born in Morgan County, Ohio, January 3, 1837. In the early days of his life he attended the district schools of Ohio, and later came to settle on the fertile acres of his father's farm in Scott County, Iowa.

By his industry and thrift he was able while still a young man to purchase a small farm near his parents, which, as the years went by, increased to 180 acres.

Mr. Dempster was twice married. In 1868 he was joined in marriage to Esther E. Burch and to the union were born two daughters and one son. On December 24, 1873, this union was broken by the death of his wife. He was again married in 1875 to Josephine Fitzsimmons, who bore him two sons and one daughter.

He gave his time liberally to public service, being for thirty-one years secretary of the School Board. In 1897 his great activity and interest in public affairs brought him to the attention of the community in which he lived, and he was elected by the Republican party as Representative of Scott County to the Legislature of the Twenty-Seventh General Assembly.

He was a faithful and consistent follower of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was for more than twenty years Sunday school superintendent in that church.

In 1900 Mr. Dempster moved to Poweshiek County where, at the time of his death, he owned a 320-acre farm.

One of the sturdy Iowa pioneers who laid the foundation of our material prosperity, Mr. Dempster was one of the most agreeable and loyal of friends.