

knew the surname of every citizen. Many there are who have had those heart to heart talks with Governor Clarke.

He had known for a number of years that the next day might be the last day, but with this knowledge he always came up smiling. In his death Iowa lost one of its greatest citizens.

W. L. HARDING

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable W. L. Harding, Governor of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

W. L. Harding, Governor of Iowa from 1917 to 1921, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, on Monday, December 17, 1934, at the age of fifty-seven. Death came unexpectedly following a heart attack, suffered after a campaign address at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Governor Harding, the war-time governor, was born October 3, 1877, near Sibley, Iowa, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Harding who had come to Iowa from Pennsylvania. Governor Harding attended public schools in Iowa and graduated from Morningside College and the University of South Dakota.

Governor Harding was elected from Woodbury county to the House of Representatives where he served six years. He was elected lieutenant governor in 1912 and was re-elected in 1914. Two years later he became a candidate for governor and won the post in one of the hottest campaigns in recent Iowa history.

Governor Harding practiced law in Sioux City, Iowa, with the firm of Oliver, Harding & Oliver, and at one time was associated with James Kin-dig, later a justice of the Iowa Supreme Court. Governor Harding practiced law in Des Moines where he made his home after serving as governor.

He was a gifted public speaker and spent considerable time and took extended speaking trips in behalf of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence waterways project.

Governor Harding's immediate family consists of Mrs. Harding and a daughter, Barbara.

The body of Governor Harding lay in state at the capitol on Thursday morning following his death and after services were held in Des Moines was then taken to Sioux City for burial.

Deep regret was expressed by every one who knew Governor Harding, because he was an able statesman, a congenial, loyal and sympathetic friend of the state and nation. He was a man of exceptional ability and high integrity. He was one of the most forceful speakers Iowa has ever known and an able and fearless executive.

In the passing of Governor Harding Iowa has lost an honored and upright beloved citizen. Therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Forty-seventh General Assembly: That the state has lost a valuable citizen and we bear unanimous witness of his upright life, his wisdom, and his honorable service to his state.

In the years of his service as an official his conduct was exemplary in every respect. Therefore,

Be It Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the widow of the deceased.

TOM E. MURRAY,
CHARLES B. HOEVEN,
D. W. KIMBERLY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Senator Murray spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: It is unfortunate for me at this time to have never personally known former Governor Harding. He had left his law practice in Sioux City to enter the field of public service several years before I located there. However, it is not difficult for me to say here that Governor Harding enjoyed the confidence and admiration of a host of friends in Sioux City, Woodbury County and northwestern Iowa. This was made apparent to me at his simple burial rites in Sioux City which were attended by persons in all walks of life from throughout western and northwestern Iowa.

I am sure that Governor Harding was a great and good man to have merited the many fine and admirable things that have been said about him by my friends and your friends who had the good fortune to have known and loved him.

NATHAN E. KENDALL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of the late Nathan E. Kendall, begs leave to submit the following report:

Nathan E. Kendall was born in Greenville, Lucas county, Iowa, March 17, 1868, and died at his home in Des Moines, November 4, 1936.

As a boy he worked on his father's farm near Greenville, and attended rural school. Possessed of a keen and receptive mind, as a youth he read and reread eagerly such books as he could obtain. He entered the law office of T. B. Perry, then a leading attorney at Albia. There he studied and in 1887 was admitted to the Bar. He served one term as City Attorney of Albia, and was elected County Attorney of Monroe county in 1893, and served until 1897.

In 1896 he was united in marriage to Belle Wooden of Centerville, Iowa, who preceded him in death March 18, 1926, at Naples, Italy, while on a tour of Europe with her husband.

It was in her memory that Mr. Kendall gave what is known as the Belle Kendall Community Playhouse on 35th Street, Des Moines, to the Little Theatre Group of Des Moines.

In 1899 Mr. Kendall was elected to the House of Representatives, and served as a member of that body in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth,