

HON. JACOB JEWELL.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions in commemoration of the life, character, and public service of the Honorable Jacob Jewell, late a member of this House in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies, respectfully submits the following:

Jacob Jewell, the subject of this memorial, was born November 4, 1825, in Knox county, Ohio, and died November 15, 1908, at his home near Decorah, Iowa.

He grew to manhood's estate on a farm, attending the rural schools in winter and working on a farm during the summer months. He was married to Emily Headington, February 27, 1849, and the following spring moved to Wyandotte county, Ohio, where he remained until the spring of 1850, when he emigrated to the West, locating in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he continued to reside up to the time of his death.

The subject of this memorial was a man of strict integrity and noble purpose and gained the confidence of the community in which he lived to such a degree that he was called to fill many places of public trust. He served for several terms on the board of supervisors and this led him into a broader field of political activity.

Always a staunch Democrat, in 1889 he received the nomination of his party for the office of Representative, and was elected to the Twenty-third, and later to the Twenty-fourth General Assemblies over an ordinarily overwhelming adverse majority. In every undertaking in which he was engaged, his labor was conscientiously performed and every confidence reposed in him was faithfully redeemed.

The years of his earthly life were over eighty and three and they were full of efficient service and the county of Winneshiek and the State of Iowa are better for his having adopted them as his own; therefore be it

Resolved: That the foregoing memorial be adopted by this House, and entered upon the Journal thereof and that a properly engrossed copy, duly authenticated by the Speaker and Clerk of the House, be sent to the members of his family.

P. M. JEWELL,
J. H. DERROUGH,
HERMAN KULL,

Committee.

Adopted February 16, 1909.

HON. WILLIAM HARPER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public service of the Hon. William Harper, an honored member of this House in the Third and Thirteenth General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

William Harper was born in Ross county, Ohio, November 3, 1819, and came to Des Moines county, Iowa, in October, 1842, where he purchased a farm in Yellow Springs township, and was at once recognized

as a leader in pioneer good citizenship, a zealous church worker and promoter of educational affairs of the community. For seventy years he was an active member of the Presbyterian church, and after fifty-four years as Elder was retired and made Elder Emeritus. In 1856, and again in 1876 he was sent by the Presbytery of Iowa as a delegate to the General Assembly of the United States. He was ever found ready to give unsparingly of his talent and means for the advancement of Christianity.

At the early age of nineteen he began school work. He, with a brother, taught the first large select school in the city of Burlington. For six years he served as county superintendent of schools of Des Moines county. He was one of the founders of the Jefferson Academy, afterwards Yellow Springs College, and was president of the board of trustees during its existence. He was also a member of the school board of Mediapolis. During the War of the Rebellion he was appointed recruiting officer or agent and enlisted many hundreds of men, thereby avoiding a draft in Des Moines county, which seemed imminent at the time. He was commissioned a notary public by Gov. George Hempstead in 1850. In 1850 he was elected a member of the Third General Assembly of Iowa. Again in 1870 he was elected to the Legislature where he distinguished himself as a leading member, serving on many important committees, and was chairman of the Committee on Schools. In 1877 upon his removal to Mediapolis he assisted in organizing the State Bank of Mediapolis of which he was president. It is said that he was executor or administrator of more estates than any other man in Iowa.

On August 7, 1844, in Ross county, Ohio, Mr. Harper and Miss Harriet (Ware) Heizer were united in marriage; of this union one child, a daughter, Lurissa Jane, was born.

Mr. Harper passed from this life on December 31, 1908, and was laid to rest in the Kossuth cemetery beside his wife who passed away several years ago. He left to mourn his loss two brothers, John of Mediapolis and Robert of Manhattan, Kansas, a niece, Miss Nellie Heizer, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

William Harper was a man of positive character, but his convictions were tempered with conservatism. He was a peacemaker who arbitrated with most absolute justice. He lived a beautiful life, and those who knew him well remember his kind and sympathetic words and deeds, and by his death we all, and especially the young people, have lost a kind friend and true advisor.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an ingrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

WILLIAM D. DODDS,

WM. LARRABEE JR.,

E. H. FOUNT,

Committee.

Adopted February 2, 1909.