

Resolved, That in his death his family, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy, are deprived of a kind and affectionate father and friend, his county and State of a worthy and loyal citizen, and the Clerk of the House is hereby instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased and to enter the same on the Journal of the House.

CHAS. YOUDE,
S. A. FEAY,
J. H. DARRAH,
Committee.

Adopted March 20, 1907.

HON. T. W. JOHNSTON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions upon the life, character and public services of Hon. T. W. Johnston, an honored member of the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-third General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

WHEREAS, The Honorable T. W. Johnston was born in County Mays, Ireland, in 1840, and emigrated to this country at an early age, with his parents, settling at Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended school with the late President McKinley. When he grew to manhood, he came to Iowa, settling on a farm in Dubuque county, where he departed this life on the 30th day of November, 1906, and

WHEREAS, He was very closely identified with the government of his county and state, acting in the capacity of steward of the County Poor Farm for a period of ten years, and representing the county of Dubuque in the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Twenty-third General Assemblies, and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to command the respect and esteem of all who knew him, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the county and State have lost a citizen and a man whose life was above reproach, and be it further

Resolved, That we extend to his family and relatives, and to those nearest to him our heartfelt sympathy and that a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the Journal of the House, and the Chief Clerk be instructed to send a copy to the family of deceased.

PHILIP HELES,
G. H. SCHULTE,
JAMES MERCER,
Committee.

Adopted March 26, 1907.

HON. JOHN D. HUNTER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to prepare a memorial to the memory of the late Hon. John D. Hunter, of Webster City, for two consecutive terms a member of the Iowa General Assembly, beg leave to respectfully submit the following:

John D. Hunter was born in Knoxville, Ohio, August 12, 1834. He was educated in the common schools and by attending an academy at Ashland, in his native State, for a single year. He entered his father's printing office as an apprentice at the age of 16 years. At the age of

20 he undertook his first newspaper venture, establishing the Hoosier Banner, at Angola, Indiana. The venture was not a success and he returned to Ohio.

At the age of 19 Mr. Hunter was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Gates, at West Unity, Ohio. In 1856 he came to Iowa, crossing the Mississippi river in a ferry at Davenport. His first employment as a printer in Iowa was with the Marion Register. In the fall of 1856 he went to Eldora and secured a position with the Hardin County Sentinel, and in the spring of 1858 purchased a half interest in the paper. In the spring of 1861 he was appointed postmaster of Eldora by President Abraham Lincoln, and in the fall of 1862 was elected Treasurer of Hardin county, but resigned the office the following year, in order to accept a position in the military service, being in the commissary department. At the close of the War, he removed to Iowa Falls and in 1866 moved his family to Webster City, Hamilton county, where he resided until his death. For forty years he edited the Webster City Freeman. He represented his county in the Twelfth and Thirteenth General Assemblies of Iowa, being elected the first time in the fall of 1869. He was appointed postmaster by President Grant in 1876 and served three terms of four years each. He was appointed again by President Harrison in 1891 and served four years.

In 1899 the Webster City Freeman and the Webster City Tribune were consolidated under the name of the Webster City Freeman-Tribune company and Mr. Hunter was made president of the organization—a position he held until the day of his death.

John D. Hunter answered the final summons at 3:45, Tuesday morning, March 19, 1907.

Such in epitome is the story of John D. Hunter's life. But those who knew him will not be content with so brief an outline as the professional biographer might be disposed to leave upon the records of the State. John D. Hunter came to Iowa when Iowa needed men of heroic mould. He had faith in her possibilities from the day that his eyes first looked across her fertile prairies. Here he was content to take his chances with the fickle goddess of fame and fortune. It was his ambition to build up a newspaper which should be welcomed in the homes of the territory which he sought to cover. Forty years of active newspaper work built up a loyal constituency and made him a leader, counsellor and trusted friend of a multitude of people. He enjoyed the respect and held the confidence of the leading men of the State. He was a partisan of the pronounced type but loyalty to country was a dominating principle of his life.

The last years of John D. Hunter's life were years of pain. With more than Spartan fortitude he withstood the assaults of disease until the course of nature had been run and then entered into "that dreamless sleep."

"His life was gentle, and the elements
So mixed in him that nature might stand up
And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

Resolved, That the foregoing memorial be adopted by the House, and that it be entered upon the Journal, and an engrossed copy thereof be

sent to the family of the deceased; and further that copies thereof be sent to the Webster City Freeman Tribune, the Webster City Journal, and the Webster City Graphic Herald.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 22, 1907.

WM. ANDERSON,
N. J. LEE,
PAUL E. STILLMAN,
Committee.

Adopted March 22, 1907.

HON. FRED W. KLINE.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of the Hon. Fred W. Kline, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Fred W. Kline, member of the Twenty-second General Assembly, departed this life on the 22d day of March, 1906, at Dodgeville, Iowa, at the age of seventy-two years, having been a resident of Des Moines county for more than half a century, and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, and his services to the State and county of such a character as to command the confidence and gratitude of his fellow citizens, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the State and county in which he resided lose a worthy and upright citizen and an honest and honorable man; and we hereby extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

W. D. DODDS,
G. H. SCHULTE,
G. H. VANHOUTEN,
Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1907.

HON. J. C. ROBESON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Honorable J. C. Robeson, late a member of this House, beg leave to report the following memorial:

The Honorable J. C. Robeson was born near Hamilton, Ohio, January 7, 1834, and removed twenty years later to Iowa, where he continued his residence until his death, July 16, 1906. He inherited from his sturdy Scotch ancestry a strong body, a clear brain, and a clean heart, and with this abundant equipment he came to the West as a pioneer in the advance guard of civilization. Scarcely had he become habituated to his new home when President Lincoln issued his call for volunteers to preserve the integrity of the threatened Republic, and he was one of the first promptly to enlist in the immortal army of freedom. He was a soldier, patriotic, brave and true, serving to the end, until the last armed