

## HON. HILTEN M. LETTS.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public services of the Honorable Hilton M. Letts, also a member of this House in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

The Honorable Hilton M. Letts was born near Grandview, Louisa County, May 13, 1854. He was educated in the common schools and high schools of this county, and later attended the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames.

In 1875, he was married to Miss Nellie M. Springer of Columbus City, Louisa County, Iowa, daughter of the late Judge Springer. As a man he was actively engaged in farming and feeding, at his home in Columbus City.

For three terms he served as a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He was elected and served as a member of the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. For three years following 1901, he was a manager of the San Pablo Company, a corporation controlling a large plantation in Yucatan, New Mexico. The last five years previous to his death he was manager of the Rocky Mountain Supply Company of Kahlor, New Mexico, and became engaged in live stock and packing house products.

He was a man of strong personality, strong convictions and a lovable man and one of many friends. He was actively identified in the uplifting of his home town and county. He was kind, generous and was appreciated by all who knew him. He was ever willing and ready to assist every laudable undertaking. He was respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens. His acquaintances became his friends and he retained their confidence to the end.

He is survived by a wife, Mrs. Nellie M. Letts, and three children, Mrs. George Remly, Cimarron, New Mexico, Miss Mary H. Letts and Mr. Warren Letts, Columbus Junction.

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

JAMES M. BROCKWAY,  
C. J. FULTON,  
G. W. KOONTZ,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

## HON. JOSEPH G. HUTCHISON.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft proper resolutions of respect in honor of the Honorable Joseph G. Hutchison, respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, The Honorable Joseph G. Hutchison was born Sept. 11, 1840 in Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent.

His great-grandfather Hutchison was prominent in public affairs of Pennsylvania and at an early day represented a district in the General Assembly.

Joseph G. Hutchison was educated at the Williamsport Dickison Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., from which he graduated in June, 1862, after completing a four years' course. He enlisted in the service on August 10, 1862, as First Lieutenant in the 131st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in the army of the Potomac and participated in the battle of Fredericksburg, Antietam and Chancellorsville. He also took part in the Gettysburg campaign as Captain of Company I, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was a loyal and vallant officer and special mention was given him by the commander of his brigade for bravery in the charge of Mary's Hill at the battle of Fredericksburg.

He studied law and graduated at the Cleveland Law School in the spring of 1865 and in December, 1865, came to Ottumwa, Iowa, and formed a partnership with Hon. E. H. Stiles, one of the most distinguished members of the Iowa Bar. He practiced law until 1872 when he assisted in organizing the Johnston Ruffler Co. and the Ottumwa Iron Works, both important industries which did much toward the upbuilding of Ottumwa and bringing it to the front as a manufacturing city. In 1873 he went to Europe on a business trip for these companies and resumed the practice of law in August, 1875, which he continued actively and successfully until 1879.

Captain Hutchison was elected to the lower House as a member of the Eighteenth General Assembly and in 1881 was elected to the Senate and served as Senator from Wapello County during the Nineteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second General Assemblies. During his Senatorial terms he served on the Ways and Means, and Judiciary Committees and did much toward shaping the policies which paid off the state debt. He was the author of the registration system for elections, which has done so much to securing an honest ballot. In 1889 he received the nomination for governor from the republican party, at a time when reaction against prohibition was strongest. He stood manfully upon the platform of his party and went down to defeat rather than to yield those principles which he believed to be right.

Joseph G. Hutchison was married to Sarah L. Taylor, Nov. 4, 1868. She died November 2, 1896. One June 23, 1898, he was married to Mabel Vernon Dixon, daughter of the Honorable J. W. Dixon. He had a successful business career, being one of the directors of the First National Bank and serving seven years as its president. In May, 1891, he founded the wholesale grocery business of J. G. Hutchison Co., which was successful and is still prospering under the able management of his wife. He was a man of action and took his full share of the burdens of citizenship and well won the honors due to those who are faithful in their convictions and who devotedly love their country and its institutions. He made his first sacrifices as a youth when he offered himself as a soldier on the battlefield of his country, and, when he became again a citizen he so conducted himself that his integrity and ability won recognition. He was instrumental to a large degree for shaping the destiny of the young and

growing state of his adoption. He lived the life of a christian gentleman and attracted warm friends because of his unswerving adherence to a high standard of honor.

Therefore, Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly that a transcript of this memorial be furnished to the family of the deceased and a copy thereof be spread upon the Journal of the House.

FRANK SHANE,  
D. M. PATTERSON,  
S. H. BAUMAN,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

HON. DANIEL J. PATTON.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of Hon. Daniel J. Patton, an honored member of the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, beg leave to submit the following report:

The subject of this memorial was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1836. He was the son of a Baptist minister and when a mere lad came west with his parents who located at Juda, Green County, Wisconsin. Here he attended common school and later attended the Baptist Academy at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, receiving what was regarded in those days a most liberal education. On the 13th of September, 1855, he was married at Juda, Wisconsin, to Sarah E. Gapen. To this union six children were born. He moved to Franklin County, Iowa, in 1869 where he continued to reside to the time of his death, which occurred March 14, 1910, surviving his wife about eight years.

Though a farmer by occupation he was always interested in public affairs and held many offices of trust in his community and was careful and painstaking in the discharge of the duties of each.

Mr. Patton was always a strict party adherent and in 1900, having received the Republican nomination for representative, he was elected to the Twenty-eighth, and two years later to the Twenty-ninth General Assemblies, discharging the duties imposed thereby in an honorable, faithful and impartial manner.

Faithful to every obligation, loyal to his friends, contributing to the happiness of others he was accorded the gratitude of a wide circle of acquaintances.

His home life was commendable to a degree; he was a good husband, a kind and indulgent father, ever on the alert for the welfare of his family.

Although he was active in public and political affairs his methods were such that he gained the confidence and respect, the esteem of his neighbors, friends and all who were associated with him in every walk in life.

Ripe in experience, sound in judgment, wise in the application of good common sense, he discharged every obligation to his family, society, and the state with fidelity and honor, therefore be it