

HONORABLE ERNEST J. HEATON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Ernest J. Heaton of Union county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Ernest J. Heaton was born on August 12, 1860, near Fairfield, Iowa, and died on January 11, 1939. He came to Union county in 1891, where he settled on a farm near Shannon City, on which he lived until the time of his death.

He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from his youth; also a member of the I. O. O. F., Woodman, and Masonic lodges. He was active in organizing the Union County Farm Bureau and was its first president.

In politics Mr. Heaton was a Republican and served as representative from Union county in the Thirty-fifth General Assembly.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Foss Heaton of Creston, Iowa, and Edward Heaton of Chicago, Ill.; and by one daughter, Mrs. Robert Caswell of Knoxville, Iowa, one son, John Heaton, having preceded him in death in 1912.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Forty-eighth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Ernest J. Heaton the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

L. C. BOWERS,
X. T. PRENTIS,
JAMES A. LUCAS,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 12, 1939.

HONORABLE JOHN CHARLES JESSEN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Honorable John Charles Jessen, late of Story county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

John Charles Jessen was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 10, 1878, and died September 23, 1937, as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident.

His early childhood was spent in Pine River, Wisconsin, at which place he lost his father when he was still a young child.

The family moved to Story county, Iowa, in 1885. Mr. Jessen attended the public schools of the community and later completed a course at Iowa State College at Ames. For about three years he was engaged in the creamery business at Shannon City, Iowa.

He later attended the law school at Drake University in Des Moines and was graduated in 1905 with the degree of LL.B. He opened a law office at Zearing, where he remained for two years. Later he located in Story City in 1908 where he continued to live until the time of his death.

He was married to Miss Catherine Golly of Zearing in 1910 and to this union there were born two daughters. To him his home was his greatest delight and it was here where he spent practically all of his leisure time, for he took great pride in beautifying his home and its grounds.

As a member of the legal profession he was well and favorably known for his sincerity and honesty. As a lawyer he was primarily interested in obtaining justice rather than in the mere winning of law suits. His word with other attorneys was as good as a written agreement.

Mr. Jessen was always deeply interested in civic and political affairs. He served as mayor for the town of Zearing and later was elected mayor of Story City. He also served upon the local board of education for a number of years and of which board he was the president.

He served as Representative of Story county, Iowa, in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies, where he served with distinction for himself and his constituents.

Mr. Jessen was a Christian in the true sense of the word. For many years he was the teacher of a Sunday school class which he organized in the Grace Evangelical Church in Story City. This class grew to one of the largest of its kind in the state. His character as a Christian was not reserved for the Sabbath alone, but he practiced in his everyday dealings with men, the teachings which he expounded on the Sabbath Day. This is the real test of any man's character.

When Mr. Jessen passed away, Story county lost one of its finest citizens and his family suffered the irreparable loss of a loving husband, parent, and son.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable John Charles Jessen, the county of Story and the state of Iowa have lost a valuable and honored citizen and the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa, Forty-eighth General Assembly, tender by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House of Representatives and that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Forty-eighth General Assembly, be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ALBERT STEINBERG,

JOHN S. HEFFNER,

JOHN KNUDSON,

Committee.

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