

WHEREAS, The late Mr. Hough served his town and county in numerous public offices, and as a member of the House of Representatives in an efficient and creditable manner; and,

WHEREAS, He was highly regarded as a foremost leader of the Democratic party in his town, his county and the state of Iowa in the promotion of good government; and,

WHEREAS, He possessed in an abundant measure the factors of charity, kindness, neighborliness and genuine consideration of his fellow men.

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:* That the members of the House of Representatives of Iowa, in regular session assembled on this 30th day of March, 1949, do hereby acknowledge and appreciate the service he has rendered as a public officer in his town, his county and the state of Iowa and are mindful of his splendid contribution to society.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That this resolution be spread upon the record of the House Journal of this date and that the members of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly extend their deep sympathy and condolence to his bereaved family and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his widow.

ELMER PIEFER,  
EDWARD A. BURLINGAME, JR.,  
J. C. DAVIS,

*Committee.*

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#### Memorial to the Honorable Johan Olson Kasa of Emmet County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable J. O. Kasa, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

J. O. Kasa, son of Ole Johanneson and Karen Kasa was born June 8, 1859, in Kongs Vinger Sogn, Norway.

At the age of ten years he came to America with his parents, landing from the Mississippi river at Red Wing, Minnesota. With a yoke of oxen and a covered wagon they came to Ottertail county, where his father took a homestead and organized the first Hauges Lutheran congregation in that county.

Here J. O. Kasa grew to manhood and graduated from the Red Wing Seminary July 17, 1887. This same year he married and as an ordained minister took charge of the Nathanael congregation at Wallingford, Iowa. He served other congregations also, at the same time farming near there.

After retiring from the farm he engaged in the hardware and implement business for several years and acted as postmaster at Wallingford for eighteen years.

He was also instrumental in organizing the Emmet County Mutual Insurance Company.

In 1894 he was elected Representative to the legislature for Emmet, Dickinson and Palo Alto counties and served in the Twenty-fourth General Assembly.

He passed away March 20, 1948, at the age of eighty-nine years, nine

months and twelve days. He was survived by his widow and eight children, sixteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was a man of pleasing personality, took an active interest in all things that were for the betterment of his community and all Iowa.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable J. O. Kasa, the state has lost an able and honored citizen and the House tenders, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

*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.

GEORGE H. ROBB,  
A. H. AVERY,  
W. J. JOHANNES,

*Committee.*

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#### Memorial to the Honorable George A. Kern of Polk County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable George A. Kern, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

George A. Kern was born in Fort Madison, Iowa, September 6, 1900, and was educated in the Des Moines public schools. He was graduated from North High School in the city of Des Moines, Iowa; he attended Campion College, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and was graduated from Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., where he obtained his law degree in 1921.

He was united in marriage, February 16, 1924, to Hazel Plummer, and to this union were born four children: George A. Kern, Jr., Richard A. Kern, Marilyn M. Kern and Katheryn Kern. Mr. Kern was a member of the Catholic Church.

He was active in Republican party organization work for twenty-five years, and had served on various county and district party committees. His lifelong interest in governmental affairs and Republican party organization work was shown when he served immediately after his high school graduation as secretary to State Senator B. M. Stoddard, of Woodbury county, during legislative session, and while attending Georgetown University he served as secretary to United States Senator A. B. Cummins.

Mr. Kern was secretary of the Iowa Railroad Association, and attorney for the Iowa State Medical Society.

Beside his outstanding contributions to his own community, George A. Kern served the state as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives in the Forty-fourth General Assembly.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable George A. Kern, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen and the family a loving husband and father and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to his beloved family in this great sorrow.