

He was intensely interested in governmental, legislative and political affairs and was first elected as a state representative in 1914, serving in the Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Forty-sixth sessions of the General Assembly, and as a State Senator from the Lucas-Wayne district in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Fortieth Extra sessions.

Surviving Mr. Johnston is a brother, Charles M. Johnston of Zanesville, Ohio, and four sisters, Lida R. Shore, Florence V. Prior, Bernice Johnston, and Nora Johnston of Chariton; three nephews and five nieces. One sister, Mrs. Belle Brown, and a brother, Matthew Johnston, preceded him in death.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable James F. Johnston the people of Lucas county and the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss, and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the 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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

NEAL PIERCE,  
MRS. K. M. FALVEY,  
REED CASEY,

*Committee.*

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RALPH C. KEHO

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

Ralph C. Keho, farmer, livestock feeder, and legislator, was born on a farm west of Allerton, Iowa, in Wayne county, on January 13, 1896, and passed away on July 8, 1958.

The son of James and Ella Keho, he grew up in the cattle and livestock feeding business with his father, and spent all his life on a Wayne county farm, with the exception of two years which were spent in Phoenix, Arizona.

He was united in marriage with Elma Williams in 1929, into which union two sons were born.

Mr. Keho was a member of the American Legion Post at Allerton, Iowa; had been a rural school director; served as an AAA committeeman for six years, and as a township trustee for many years. He had been a director of the Security State Bank at Allerton, Iowa since 1948.

A Democrat, he served in the Fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly as State Representative from Wayne county.

Mr. Keho had a coronary attack on June 8, 1958, and passed away one month later on July 8, 1958 at the age of sixty-two.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Elma Keho; two sons, Jack and Tom; a daughter-in-law, Lois; and one grandson, James Patrick.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Ralph C. Keho, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its sympathy to his wife and sons, and the members of his family.

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

REED CASEY,  
FRANKLIN S. MAIN,  
STANLEY WATTS,  
*Committee.*

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WILLIAM G. KERR

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

William F. Kerr was born in Grundy county, September 2, 1871, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kerr. He passed away at a convalescent home in Traer, Iowa, November 1, 1958, at the age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Kerr graduated from the Grundy Center high school in 1891. After completing his course in the high school he attended Coe College at Cedar Rapids and Cornell College at Mount Vernon. He completed his college work at the State University of Iowa and completed his course in law at the University. He was admitted to the bar in 1896. He engaged in the practice of law for a short time with his father, and later devoted his time to his real estate investments. He also assisted his father in the management of his property.

Mr. Kerr was elected to represent Grundy county in the Iowa Legislature in 1898. He was one of the youngest of the Iowa House members at the time. He served in the legislature two terms. He introduced in the legislature a bill providing for a Corrupt Practice Act, as a safeguard against corruption in elections. It was one of the first corrupt practice act bills adopted in the United States.

Mr. Kerr was a life member of the State Historical Society. He was active as one of the County's 4 minute men. He was a member of the Grundy Center First Presbyterian Church and served a number of years as an active elder in that church.

In 1895 William G. Kerr married Grace S. Sprague and they made their home in Grundy Center during all of their married life. The wife died in 1942.

The couple were the parents of three sons, and all of them are still living.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable William G. Kerr, the people of Grundy county and the entire State of Iowa have lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

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

HAROLD O. FISCHER,  
PAUL M. WALTERS,  
CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,  
*Committee.*