

In the years of his service as an official his conduct was exemplary in every respect. Therefore,

Be It Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the widow of the deceased.

TOM E. MURRAY,
CHARLES B. HOEVEN,
D. W. KIMBERLY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Senator Murray spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: It is unfortunate for me at this time to have never personally known former Governor Harding. He had left his law practice in Sioux City to enter the field of public service several years before I located there. However, it is not difficult for me to say here that Governor Harding enjoyed the confidence and admiration of a host of friends in Sioux City, Woodbury County and northwestern Iowa. This was made apparent to me at his simple burial rites in Sioux City which were attended by persons in all walks of life from throughout western and northwestern Iowa.

I am sure that Governor Harding was a great and good man to have merited the many fine and admirable things that have been said about him by my friends and your friends who had the good fortune to have known and loved him.

NATHAN E. KENDALL

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and services of the late Nathan E. Kendall, begs leave to submit the following report:

Nathan E. Kendall was born in Greenville, Lucas county, Iowa, March 17, 1868, and died at his home in Des Moines, November 4, 1936.

As a boy he worked on his father's farm near Greenville, and attended rural school. Possessed of a keen and receptive mind, as a youth he read and reread eagerly such books as he could obtain. He entered the law office of T. B. Perry, then a leading attorney at Albia. There he studied and in 1887 was admitted to the Bar. He served one term as City Attorney of Albia, and was elected County Attorney of Monroe county in 1893, and served until 1897.

In 1896 he was united in marriage to Belle Wooden of Centerville, Iowa, who preceded him in death March 18, 1926, at Naples, Italy, while on a tour of Europe with her husband.

It was in her memory that Mr. Kendall gave what is known as the Belle Kendall Community Playhouse on 35th Street, Des Moines, to the Little Theatre Group of Des Moines.

In 1899 Mr. Kendall was elected to the House of Representatives, and served as a member of that body in the Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth,

Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra sessions of the General Assembly, representing Monroe county, and was speaker of the House of Representatives for the Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra Sessions.

In 1908 he was elected to Congress from the Sixth District of Iowa, where he promptly took rank as an orator and debater, and served as a member in the Sixty-first and Sixty-second Congress.

Mr. Kendall was elected Governor in 1920 and served two terms, from 1921 to 1925 inclusive. His record as Chief Executive of the State met with the hearty approval of the general citizenry. On completion of his second term, he retired from active participation in politics; however, he took an active interest in the affairs of State and Nation, at all times, up until the date of his death.

On June 28, 1928, he was married to the widow of William F. Bonnell of Cleveland, Ohio, the former Miss Mabel Fry.

Mr. Kendall was a man of generous impulses and made various gifts, notably his gift of over 7,000 volumes of his private library to the city of Albia, together with the funds for the enlargement of the library to twice its previous capacity. He likewise presented the Monroe County Bar Association with his law library when he closed his law office at Albia in 1925.

He was one of the most brilliant orators in the history of the state. His career was the fruit of a keen mind, a gift for oratory, ceaseless reading and study of history, and worthy ambition; therefore

Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable Nathan E. Kendall Iowa mourns the loss of an outstanding citizen, a brilliant orator, and one who served the state and nation with fidelity and marked distinction.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate as a commemoration of the life of one of Iowa's most distinguished citizens, and that enrolled copies hereof be transmitted to the members of his family.

HUGH W. LUNDY,
H. V. LEVIS,
HUGH G. GUERNSEY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Senator Lundy spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE SENATE: May I add just a few words concerning the late Nathan E. Kendall, who was affectionately known as "Nate" by his friends of Monroe county.

The oft-time saying, "a man is not without honor save in his own country", is not apropos in this instance. Governor Kendall's friends and neighbors recognized his fine presence, genial personality, his ability as a statesman, as an orator, and as a splendid lawyer. Our "Nate" loved his home town, retaining his legal residence there until the time of his death. He was always interested in the doings of the "folks back home". It was only natural that he should request that his ashes be