

Memorial Resolutions.

HON. JOHN C. KENNAN.

MR. SPEAKER: Your Committee appointed to present resolutions on the life, public character and service to the State and Nation of the late Captain John C. Kennan, an honorable member of the Twenty-second General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The life and character of the said deceased were such as to commend the love and esteem of his friends, neighbors and the community in which he lived so many years and his service to his State and Nation as a veteran of the Civil War for the preservation of the Union entitled him to the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens; Therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death the community in which he resided mourns the loss of an honest patriotic citizen, and his State the loss of a useful conscientious and faithful public servant.

Resolved, That in his death his family have been bereft of a kind and affectionate father and husband, and we hereby extend to the widow and children our sincere sympathy in this their great affliction, and that the Clerk of this House hereby is instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

M. F. McNIE,
J. I. NICHOLS,
JOHN MCALLISTER,
Committee.

Adopted Jan. 25, 1906.

REMARKS BY MR. McNIE.

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE: The deceased came to Benton County in 1855 and for half a century has been one of the most useful and prominent citizens. He was one of those rugged pioneers who cheerfully underwent the hardships of the early days in this country. He believed in Iowa and in his country. In 1860, when traitors struck at the very foundation of this great republic, there was not the slightest doubt in his mind as to the course he should pursue. He enlisted in the first company raised in Benton County, Company D 8th Iowa Volunteers, General Geddes' old company, and went to the front as its first lieutenant. Afterwards he was promoted to be Captain of Company F of the same regiment. He distinguished himself at the battle of Shiloh as being one of the officers that sustained the memorable Hornet's Nest and withstood the charge of the enemy, time and again as they endeavored to break through the insurmountable barrier. He was in all the subsequent battles of that gallant regiment, and when the country's enemies had been conquered he returned to his home. Captain Kennan was a brave officer and an efficient one. He took great interest in the G. A. R. organization, and especially in the reunion of his old com-