

the study and exposition of the laws governing the actions and conduct of his fellowmen. His election to the Thirtieth General Assembly as a Democrat in a county in which the Republican normal majority is from eight hundred to one thousand, shows the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens of that county.

As a member of the Thirtieth General Assembly he won the respect and esteem of the entire membership, and was universally recognized as a legislator of ability, and as a dignified gentleman whom to know was to honor, love and respect.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing memorial be adopted by this House, and that it be entered upon the Journal, and an engrossed copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased; and further that copies thereof be sent to the Cass County Democrat and The Atlantic Telegraph.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 4, 1906.

C. A. MEREDITH,  
O. P. WYLAND,  
TIM C. CLARY,

Adopted April, 4, 1906.

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#### HON. WILLIAM G. KENT.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of William G. Kent, beg leave to report:

William G. Kent was born August 10, 1837, at Belle Fonte, Pennsylvania, and while very young removed with his parents to Fort Madison, Iowa. He received his education at Denmark Academy, Denmark, Iowa. In 1867 he was elected county superintendent of schools of Lee county, serving two terms and declining the renomination for a third term. He was a life long member of the democratic party and was elected a member of the Iowa House of Representatives of the Twenty-first General Assembly in 1885, resigning in 1886 to accept the democratic nomination for State Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the late Judge J. M. Casey. He was elected, and in the fall of 1889 was re-elected for a full term, serving as Senator in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies. Mr Kent took high rank both in the Senate and the House. Naturally a genial and clever gentleman, Senator Kent made many friends and was very influential in securing the passage of the measures which he championed.

He performed his duties on committees wisely and faithfully, and Lee county has never been better represented in the State Legislature than by him. In 1892 he was nominated for railroad commissioner, and was defeated with the rest of the ticket. In 1894 he was appoint-

ed by Governor Jackson as a member of the commission to plan, locate and erect a Hospital for the insane in Northwestern Iowa. On the death of General Ed. Wright he was chosen secretary of the commission which erected the magnificent Hospital at Cherokee. He held commissions from Governors Larrabee, Boies and Jackson, as delegate to the National Farmer's Congress, Commercial Congress and Commercial Convention and Trans-Mississippi Convention.

Since 1888 Senator Kent occupied the position of Vice-President of the Lee County Savings Bank. He was married in December 1863, to Miss Sarah E. Shephard of Lee county, who survives him. He was a man of deep thought and conservative action and impressed himself deeply on his county and state .

In his death, the district which he so ably and faithfully represented, has lost one of the most respected and influential men, and the state one of its most honored and esteemed citizens. The life and character of William G. Kent will be an inspiration to the youth who knew him, for it was pure and spotless, with high ideals and lofty ambition. The impress he made upon all who came in contact with him, will live and linger in their memory, cherished by them as a remembrance of one who was a man in the fullest sense of the word, honored and respected by all.

*Resolved*, That we extend to his family our most sincere sympathy in the loss of a devoted husband.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the Journals of the House and Senate and that an engrossed copy be presented to the widow of the deceased, by the clerk of the House.

D. A. YOUNG,  
L. L. TAYLOR,  
R. A. HASSELQUIST,

*On the part of the Senate.*

C. A. KENNEDY,  
L. F. SUMMERS,  
HENRY RITTER,

*On the part of the House.*

GEO. W. CLARKE,  
*Speaker.*

C. R. BENEDICT,  
*Chief Clerk.*

Adopted.

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