

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.

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.

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.

TED SLOANE,
GEORGE O'MALLEY,
A. H. AVERY,
J. C. DAVIS,
M. F. HICKLIN,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable George B. Kester of Ringgold County

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

George B. Kester, farmer and legislator, who represented Ringgold county in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Fifty-second and Fifty-second Extra General Assembly, was born on a farm near Arispe in Union county, Iowa, on October 22, 1904. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Kester, pioneer residents of Ringgold county. In early youth he attended the public school and graduated from the Tingley High School in 1923, and attended Iowa State College at Ames for two years. On June 22, 1927, he was married to Beulah Knox of Clearfield, Iowa. To this family were born one son, Marvin, and one daughter, Marilyn.

After finishing his education, Mr. Kester became associated with his father in their farm operation until he was married in 1927; then he and his wife operated a farm.

Mr. Kester was a member of the Tingley Methodist Church and was superintendent of the Sunday School for ten years. He was always faithful in attendance and gave generously of his time and talent for any church or community project. He served his community on the township AAA committee and as the chairman for several years, and also as rural school director, county agricultural planning board member, AAA wheat insurance supervisor and a member of the Boy Scout executive council. He was an owner of two United States and one Canadian patent.

Mr. Kester was a capable, conscientious and honest citizen, and these qualifications won and held the confidence and support of his many friends and neighbors.

Surviving, beside Mrs. Kester, are his son, Marvin, and daughter, Marilyn, his aged parents, and one sister, Florence. In his passing on September 22, 1948, at the age of forty-three years and eleven months, the entire community feels a deep sense of loss and sorrow.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the death of George B. Kester, the state mourns the loss of one of its honored citizens and the House, by this resolution, tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving family in their sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon