

HON. JOHN KILLEN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable John Killen, former member of the House of Representatives from Clayton County, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Honorable John Killen, who represented Clayton county in the Twentieth and Twenty-first General Assemblies, was born in Monona Township, Clayton County, Iowa, December 20, 1851, the son of Robert and Margaret Killen. Here on a farm he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the country school and Monona school. He then taught school in Farmersburg Township, after which he came to Monona to clerk in the store of his uncle, T. A. Killen. After some experience here he engaged in business for himself, and for forty years was one of Monona's energetic and loyal business men. Early in his business career he established a private bank in connection with his mercantile business. This was continued until 1913 when he sold his banking interests to the Citizens State Bank. He continued in this new organization as an officer and was for a number of years its president. In 1919 he retired from active business.

During all these years he was deeply interested in community and political affairs. Twice he was Mayor of the town, being the first Mayor of Monona. He was treasurer of the Monona school board for many years, besides serving as treasurer of other organizations.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the Monona chapter of Masonry on June 17, 1876, and on the 17th of June, 1926, was issued by the local lodge the certificate of a Gold Star Mason, an honorable recognition bestowed upon one who has been a worthy member of the lodge for fifty years. For many years he was the treasurer of the lodge. He was also a Knight Templar, being a member and one of the oldest of Honorius Commandery No. 8 of McGregor, Iowa. He was also a member of Modern Woodmen Lodge.

Along with these activities he always found time and disposition to support the religious interests of the community. He was raised in a home of very active Methodists, and throughout his life affiliated with the Monona Methodist Church.

He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Buehner of Monona on November 27, 1879. Their home was blessed with two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Kinsley, of McGregor, Iowa, and Miss Margaret, of Monona, Iowa. Mr. Killen passed away Nov. 7, 1926.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa, takes this occasion to express its appreciation of the character and service of the deceased and at the same time to extend sympathy to the family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal

of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward to the family of the deceased an enrolled copy.

J. G. HEMPEL,
J. H. HAGER,
JOHN RYDER,

Committee.

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HON. S. W. KLAUS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a memorial resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of S. W. Klaus of Delaware County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Samuel Wesley Klaus, the son of John D. and Elizabeth Klaus, was born on a farm near Colesburg, Delaware County, Iowa, on the 12th day of January, 1861. His parents were sturdy pioneers, who came to this county as early as 1842, buying land from the government in Colony Township, where they reared their family, inculcating in them the principles of righteousness, justice and community service. They were not satisfied with giving their children a common school education merely, but arranged for them to attend college, Samuel Wesley and his brother John going to German English College at Galena, Illinois, where they graduated together in 1882.

After teaching a year, Mr. Klaus came to Earlville, Iowa, in the fall of 1883, and became identified with the business interests of the town, first as a clerk in a general store and later as its proprietor. Since that time he made his home in Earlville, and was engaged in business in the same location for over forty years.

In 1886 he was married to Miss Lizzie Loomis of Farley, Iowa, and this union was blessed with two sons, Dr. Roy W. of Chicago, Illinois, and Norton J. of Earlville. The wife and mother died in 1891. Mr. Klaus was married to Miss Rose Landis in 1896 and to them were born eight children, Earl S., Kenneth R., Ruth, Paul, Lucille, Cora, Elizabeth and Edna.

Though diligent in business, Mr. Klaus always took time to be active in any movement which had for its object the welfare of the community and civic betterment. He was most public spirited and gave unstintedly of his time and energy in promoting every good cause, not only in his town and county, but in state and nation, and this was especially true during the late war. That his ability along these lines was recognized is shown by the number of public offices intrusted to him. For many years he was a member of the town council, serving two years as its mayor; a member of the local board of education for over twenty-five years; a member of the county board of education and the county board of health; a trustee of Epworth Military Academy; chairman of the Delaware county republican central committee for many years; county director of Red Cross; and for two terms the representative of Delaware County in the State Legislature as a member of the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies, and it was during his administration that the Klaus-Haskell Bill