

## WILLIAM H. KLEMME

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William H. Klemme, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

William H. Klemme was born in Brookville, Indiana, February 17, 1849, and died at his home in Ridgeway, Iowa, on March 11, 1943, at the age of 94 years. He was married to Mary Augusta Bolles on March 22, 1870, and is survived by his daughter, Mrs. J. G. Parker of Fayette, Iowa, his wife having preceded him in death seven years ago.

Mr. Klemme came to Ridgeway in 1872, where he operated a drug store and later established a lumber yard in which business he continued for a period of nearly seventy years, going to his office every day, even after he had passed his ninety-second birthday. He was postmaster during President McKinley's term of office and Justice of the Peace in Lincoln Township for thirty-two years.

Mr. Klemme was Representative from Winneshiek county in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies of Iowa and later served as Senator from the Forty-second District, comprised of Winneshiek and Howard counties, in four regular and two extra General Assemblies.

Mr. Klemme was a man of high character and beloved and respected by all his associates. He was always interested in the church and also served in educational work, having been a Trustee of Upper Iowa University for many years. He contributed liberally to this institution and also to Luther College. His long term of service in the Legislature speaks for itself of his interest in civic affairs.

Mr. Klemme was a capable, conscientious and honest citizen and his death is a great loss to the citizens of this State and to his community, where he resided for a period of seventy-one years.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-first General Assembly, That in the passing of William H. Klemme, this State mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen, a man who devoted many years of his life to public service and the House, by this resolution, extends to the family of William H. Klemme, its deepest sympathy.*

*Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Memorial Resolution be spread in the Journal of the House of Representatives and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

C. M. LANGLAND,  
W. A. BENTS,  
C. A. PALMER,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted,