

HON. NELS LARSON.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Nels Larson, beg leave to submit the following report:

Nels Larson was born on September 1, 1841, in Sogn, Nórway, and was the son of Lars and Karen Bakke Larson. With his father he came to America in 1854, stopping in Minnesota where they spent the winter. In the spring of 1855 they located in Winneshiek county where Mr. Larson resided until two years ago when he retired from his farm in Highland township and purchased a home in Spring Grove. He was married to Julia Kjome on July 29, 1862. Twelve children were born to them, eight of whom survive.

Mr. Larson cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1864 and throughout his life was a staunch Republican. In 1879 he was elected a member of the board of supervisors and served for six years. He also served with distinction as member of the lower house of the Iowa legislature in the twenty-first and twenty-second general assemblies.

Mr. Larson, as a man, was honest and industrious; as a friend, he was loyal, helpful and sincere; as an official, he was diligent, painstaking and capable; and as a Christian gentleman, he had the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He was not only beloved by those who knew him but also trusted.

Be It Resolved, That in the death of Nels Larson the state has lost a worthy citizen. That it recognizes the high character of his services to the state, and that the House takes this occasion to acknowledge its recognition and express its high regard and appreciation of his character and public services, and to extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, engrossed and duly authenticated by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House, be presented to the family of the deceased.

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LEE W. ELWOOD,

L. O. WIGDAHL,

Committee.

Adopted April 6, 1917.

HON. GEORGE W. BALL.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and public services of the Hon. George W. Ball, late member of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-first general assembly, submit the following report:

The subject of this memorial was born near Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa, June 7, 1847.

His early life was spent upon his father's farm, where he remained until nearly of age, devoting a portion of his time in securing common