

CAPT. JOHN H. LOUIS.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee to whom was referred the matter of preparing suitable resolutions relative to the life and services of the late Captain John H. Louis, formerly an honored member of the House, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

John H. Louis was born November 21, 1841, in Snyder county, Pennsylvania. He died at his home at Harlan, Iowa, January 9, 1909. His childhood and youth were spent in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where in the public schools of that city and in an academy, he received a liberal English education. In early manhood he returned to his native state and county, and in 1862 he volunteered his services to aid in the preservation of the union of states by enlisting in the 131st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company F, in which company he served one year. He took an active part at South Mountain and at Antietam, was wounded at Parkersburg, and was discharged on account of disability. After he recovered he recruited a company for the 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Company D, and served first as Lieutenant, later as Adjutant and finally as Captain of Company C. Soon after the war closed he came west as far as Denison, Iowa; this city being the terminus of the Northwestern railroad at that time. From there he staged to Harlan and soon after arriving there made settlement on a piece of land in Cuppy's Grove, where he resided for several years, engaged in farming and teaching school. He served as a member of the board of supervisors; was four times elected auditor of Shelby county, was admitted to the bar to practice law, and was an honored member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly. He was for many years identified with the administration of affairs in Lincoln township in his county. For years he served as a member of the school board of Harlan, and was the mayor of that city resigning said office only a few days prior to his death. In every official capacity he served his people with efficiency and honesty. He rendered to his state and nation distinguished services, both as a private and public citizen. He loved his home and family; he respected and had consideration for his neighbor, and it can truly be said that he fulfilled his mission on earth before starting on his long and last journey, and made the world better by his having lived. His private life was clean; his public record one of fidelity to his people, who honored themselves by honoring him. Therefore be it

*Resolved:* That a transcript of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and a copy thereof sent to the deceased's family.

C. F. SWIFT,  
C. A. MEREDITH,  
G. W. KOONTZ,

*Committee.*

Adopted January 28, 1909.