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LLOYD ELLIS
J. L. BROOKHART
HARRY C. WHITE

Committee.

Senator Ellis spoke in part as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT, SENATORS and FRIENDS: It is a delight to me indeed to be able to stand here in this body tonight and say just a word further than the resolution in the memory of one whom you all knew and whom you all esteemed and honored.

Senator Wilson belonged to that great company of men and women who have helped to make history in this country. He belonged to that hearty Scotch ancestry who migrated to this country, established their homes, went to work, and carved out for themselves a place in the life of the communities where they resided. When he came with his parents to Appanoose county they were a humble folk. His father entered into the mining industry of Appanoose county. The Senator himself as a small boy began to work in the mines and became associated with his father in that type of work. He was not satisfied, however, to confine himself for life to that industry.

He went through common school in the town of Centerville, went to college, studied law under the direction of one of the esteemed lawyers of the city of Centerville, was admitted to the bar, and was an honor to that profession during all the time that he resided there.

Senator Wilson was a man who was always ready to render a service to his associates, always ready to render a service to any individual.

It has been noted in this resolution that Senator Wilson was a born politician. My earliest recollection of the Senator as a young man was that he had a great fund of pep, he was a fine talker, good in repartee, good in argument.

I feel that in the untimely death of Senator Wilson we must all agree that the community of Centerville and Appanoose county lost a valuable citizen. I think that we must recognize that the state of Iowa lost a man of great value to it.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

D. A. LYONS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of D. A. Lyons, late of Cresco, Howard county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

D. A. Lyons was born September 8, 1851, in Chicago, Ill., his parents being natives of County Waterford, Ireland, where they were reared and married. They emigrated to the United States in 1847, and moved westward to Iowa in 1868. He was reared upon the home farm purchased at that time in Burr Oak township, Winneshiek county. He acquired his

early education in the graded schools of that township. On attaining his majority, he represented an implement firm of Cresco as a traveling salesman in their territory for a period of seven years. In 1879 he established an implement business of his own in Cresco, which he conducted successfully for thirty-one years. In 1910 he retired to give personal supervision to the upbuilding and management of his farms in Howard and Winneshiek counties.

The close relationship of the implement business, in which Mr. Lyons was engaged so many years, to the agricultural development of the country adjacent to Cresco, and his later activities, have recorded his name indelibly as one of the prominent and constructive builders of the community. His life's record of service and accomplishments may well serve as an example to budding generations. His political allegiance was with the democratic party. He served as Mayor of Cresco for four years. In 1897 he was elected to the office of State Senator, his district comprising two counties which carried at that time a normal republican majority of twenty-four hundred. He was re-elected for two succeeding terms, a fact which stands as an unmistakable proof of his capability and devotion to the welfare of both community and commonwealth.

Through his senatorial service he thus left the impress of his individuality upon the history of Iowa as a member of the State Senate during the Twenty-seventh, Twenty-eighth, Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first sessions of the General Assembly. His influence in public affairs, heightened by his outstanding personality, has been a potent one and the results of his labors have been far reaching and beneficial. He was a statesman of broad views and high principles.

Mr. Lyons passed to his reward on March 24, 1925, survived by his wife, two daughters and four sons and their immediate families. His death was deeply regretted by a large circle of relatives and friends. They knew him but to love and honor him. They will revere his memory and hold him forever in their hearts.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Senate of the Forty-first General Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of D. A. Lyons the state and the community where he lived have suffered the loss of an influential and honorable citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that the secretary of the Senate be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

CARL W. REED
B. J. HORCHEM
H. C. WHITE

Committee.

Senator Horchem spoke in part as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT: I did not know Senator Lyons personally, only through what I have read and heard about him, and the short interview I had with Senator Reed today.

Senator Lyons was a man most needed. He had the qualities that really create community spirit, and that make for greater things, and lift the general public upward and forward.