

sentative to the Nineteenth and Twentieth General Assemblies, and thereafter served his county as Senator for two terms. He at all times took an active interest in public affairs, and his advice and judgment was sought and heeded by his fellow citizens because of its sincerity and value. He took great pride in the material prosperity of his home city and his native State, and was at all times ready and anxious to contribute his time and means toward their welfare; and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased was such as to command the respect and esteem of all who knew him; therefore be it

Resolved: That in his death his native state and county have suffered the loss of a worthy and upright son and that we hereby extend to his bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy in their hour of affliction; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk transmit an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

AUG. A. BALLUFF,
G. W. KOONTZ,
GEO. W. SCHEE,

Committee.

HON. J. H. MACK.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life and public services of Hon. J. H. Mack, a member of the House in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies, begs leave to report the following:

The subject of this memorial was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1837, and after residence in Indiana and Illinois, came to Madison county, Iowa, in 1857. He came up the river to Des Moines on a boat and landed near the mouth of Coon River. It was so wet and muddy that he traveled on foot from Des Moines to Grand River township, Madison county, Iowa. He was actively engaged in the practice of medicine for about twenty years, during which time he endured all the hardships and privations of the pioneer doctor. He also was engaged in the business of farming and acquired quite a number of farms in the community where he lived. He was very active in politics and during the last twenty-five years of his life determined the political affairs of the township where he lived. He was a veteran of the War of the Rebellion and served faithfully in the Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry until the termination of his enlistment. By reason of his energy and public spirit he laid out a town near the center of the civil township and by consent of all interested, it was named Macksburg in his honor. He was elected member of the House in the Twenty-second and Twenty-third General Assemblies and served on many important committees. During the latter years of his life he became deeply interested in the promotion of the Des Moines-Winterset-Creston Interurban Railroad. Although enfeebled in health by reason of age and the insidious ravages of an incurable disease, he spent the last years of his life to accomplish this object so dear to his heart, and it was because

of his exposure and nervous strain incident to the prosecution of this enterprise that his death was hastened. He died on the 16th of March, 1908, leaving a record of patriotic services which will ever be cherished by the remaining members of his family, by his associates in the State Legislature, and a wide circle of friends.

Resolved: That the foregoing memorial be entered on the Journal of the House and that an enrolled transcript of same be presented to his widow, Mrs. J. H. Mack, Macksburg, Iowa.

E. R. ZELLER,
C. F. SWIFT,
J. H. DERROUGH,
Committee.

HON. CHARLES ALDRICH.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of Honorable Charles Aldrich, late a member of this House, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Charles Aldrich was born in Ellington, Chautauqua county, New York, October 2, 1828, of the stock of George Aldrich who migrated from Derbyshire, England, to Boston, Massachusetts, in 1631, arriving November 6th. His parents were Stephen and Eliza (Nicols) Aldrich.

He was educated in the rural schools of his native state and at Jamestown Academy which he attended for one year. In 1846 he entered the printing office of Clemment & Faxon, Buffalo, where he served an apprenticeship. He soon engaged in the newspaper field. He edited the Cattaraugus Sachem and Olean Journal. He moved to Iowa in 1857. He began his activities at Webster City, Hamilton county, as the founder and editor of the Hamilton Freeman. He was a strong force in the newspaper field of Iowa for almost the entire remainder of his life as the owner of or writer for newspapers and journals. He was at different times an editorial writer for the Dubuque Times and the Marshall Times and a special contributor to the Chicago Inter-Ocean and to many special journals particularly in the field of natural science. His most valuable writings are in the Annals of Iowa, Third Series, which he established and conducted as a branch of his work for the State of Iowa.

He had served as Secretary of the First Free Soil Convention in his native county at the age of 19. He was a partisan of the most vigorous type of his school from the day he reached Hamilton county. He was champion to men and measures embracing republican principles from the origin of the party.

He was Chief Clerk of this House by election in 1860, 1862, 1866 and 1870. He served as a member from Hamilton county by election in the Nineteenth General Assembly. He offered the first bill in the history of the state for the prohibition of free passes by railroads, and his words in behalf of the principle the bill advocated appeared in leading journals throughout the country. He induced the House of Representatives to