

On motion of Walden of Wayne, the resolutions were adopted, after remarks by Eiker of Decatur.

Warren of Marion, moved that the remarks made by Eiker of Decatur, on the adoption of the resolution of respect to Hon. S. P. McNeill, be printed in the Journal.

Carried.

Mr. Eiker spoke as follows:

MR. SPEAKER—It is appropriate for us to pause in the midst of our labors and pay tribute to the memory of those who have occupied our places as servants of the people in times that have now passed into history. And for this reason I ask the indulgence of the House while I speak briefly of the life of one of my predecessors and one of Iowa's distinguished pioneer lawmakers.

Sanford P. McNeill was born in the state of Kentucky, February 14, 1827. His early life was spent in acquiring the rudiments of an education and in the struggles incident to those pioneer days; days which, filled with hardships as they were, taught the youths of America that valuable lesson of true patriotism—that patriotism which guards with jealous care the flag of freedom and the rights of men. Imbued with this spirit he entered the Mexican war and whether in the heat of battle or the quietude of the camp, he demonstrated the teachings of his early Kentucky life, namely, uncompromising with his enemies, faithful to his friends, loyal to his country.

In 1873 he was elected to the office of representative and served in the Fifteenth General Assembly of Iowa, and it may be truthfully said of him that a more conscientious man never served the people of this great commonwealth in that capacity.

It was my privilege to know him personally during his last few years on earth, and while the hand of time had touched the aged brow, and the white locks told that his days must necessarily be few, yet the elastic step and genial smile of former years still remained. He felt not the weight of years nor was he filled with lamentation as to a wasted past. But with that unwavering confidence in the future, he grasped the present opportunities and followed with unfaltering step the paths of duty until the day of his death.

The radiance of his life will leave its light to illuminate the pathway of time as the shooting meteors illuminate the heavens. That lamp of light which grows brighter as it nears the shores of eternity and when lost to earthly view beyond the shores of that silent river, will shine with radiant splendor as one of the brightest gems in that New Jerusalem where the melody of heavenly music shall fill the earth-weary soul with eternal bliss.

On motion of Larrabee of Fayette, House file No. 111, a bill for an act to amend section two hundred fifty-five of the code, relating to superior courts, with report of committee recommend-