

sourceful in campaigns and so original in his expression, and so enthusiastic in his support of friends and favorite measures, that he was a constant source of enjoyment to his friends, and, as an opponent, was always respected by the opposition. Besides his public service in the legislature, he was for a number of years also deputy internal revenue collector for the Northern Iowa district, and enjoyed a wide acquaintance and a wide circle of friends.

He was generous, big-hearted, and optimistic always, a hater of shams, a lover of integrity and right, and a very lovable comrade. At the age of sixty-two he had lived out his allotted three score years, but the years were crowded with more than the usual activity of men and his life work was finished.

He was a member of Clayton Lodge No. 70, A. F. & A. M., Monona, McGregor Commandry, El Kahir Temple of the Shrine, at Cedar Rapids, and De Molay Consistory, Clinton, Iowa.

Be It Resolved, That the life of George L. Gillert as a citizen, as a legislator, and in every other walk of life, has been such as to commend his example as an inspiration to those who follow after. His unswerving fidelity to duty, his faithfulness in every public and private trust, and his character as a citizen should inspire all with whom he came in contact to a higher ideal of life and living, and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this House of Representatives, and that an engrossed copy thereof be sent to the widow of the deceased.

WM. BECKER,
J. H. MCGHEE,
I. E. BEEMAN,

Committee

Adopted March 23, 1921.

HON. MALCOM FORMAN MCNIE

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to memorialize the life and public service of Malcom Forman McNie, an honored member of this House in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, and Thirty-first General Assemblies from Benton County, and who died at his home in Long Beach, California, on the 16th day of December, 1920, beg leave to submit the following report:

Malcom Forman McNie was born in New York City on September 27, 1848. His parents came from Alloa, Scotland, and settled in New York City in the early forties, the father engaging in the newspaper business and being connected with the New York Herald and the Tribune in the early days of their activities.

Mr. McNie was educated in the public schools of New York City and later his parents moved to Iowa and he had the advantage of a course at the Western College of this state. After leaving college he taught school for several years, but later gave his entire time to farming and fine stock raising. For over thirty-five years he was a successful farmer near Vinton, Iowa, and in 1891, he with others organized the State Bank of Vinton, in which he acted as Director for thirteen years. He was also a director in the Eden Fire Insurance Company of Vinton and of the Benton County Telephone Company. He took an active part in all matters of general public interest including those of a religious nature and did his full share of work in connection with these matters.

Mr. McNie was elected a member of the Twenty-ninth General Assembly from Benton County and as a recognition for the satisfactory services therein performed he returned to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

In 1904 Mr. McNie removed to Long Beach, California, where he was closely identified with the business, social and philanthropic interests of the city. He was, until a short time before his death a director and treasurer of the Marine and Commercial Savings Bank of Long Beach and a stockholder in the Exchange National Bank.

In March, 1915, he was appointed by the Los Angeles Board of County Supervisors, a member of the Public Welfare Commission and probation commissioner of Los Angeles county. He was president of the local Belgian Relief Committee. He was the organizer and first president of the Iowa Society of Long Beach, it being the largest of any local state organization and representing 5,000 Hawkeyes, now residents of Long Beach. In 1910 he was elected a member of the city council and served two years on the board.

Mr. McNie is survived by his widow, Mrs. Agnes McNie, who resides at Long Beach, California, and three sons who are: Robert, of Waterloo, Iowa; Arthur, a farmer near Vinton; and Morris, residing at Hampton, Iowa, and agent for the County Farm Bureau of Franklin county.

Whereas, The life and character of the deceased calls for such as to place his memory among those highly respected and esteemed in the State of Iowa; therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the state of Iowa, take this occasion to express its appreciation of the splendid character and public services of the deceased. And at this time extend to the surviving relatives and members of his family their sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread in

the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be asked to send a copy of this resolution to the surviving members of the family.

J. W. HANNA,
H. B. MORGAN,
E. P. HARRISON,

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1921.

HON. WILLARD CHAUNCEY EARLE

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the Hon. Willard C. Earle, late of Allamakee county, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Hon. Willard Chauncey Earle was born in Honesdale, Pa., Oct. 7, 1833.

His family is of old English origin and the line can be traced back directly to a Saxon ancestor who lived in Great Britain before the Norman conquest. It is also of old American establishment, its first representative in this country having settled in Newport, R. I., as early as 1634.

In the requirement of an education, Mr. Earle attended public school in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and later, under a private tutor, prepared to enter Brown university. Because of his health he was obliged to abandon this intention and joined his elder brother, going west to Tiffin, Ohio, where both engaged in railroad work.

In 1854 he came from Ohio to Iowa, locating in Waukon in June of that year, where for more than 65 years he maintained his residence.

Had he no other claim to the respect of his fellow citizens, his long and loyal service in the Civil War would constitute a valid and a lasting one. Among the first to respond to President Lincoln's call for volunteers for service in the Civil War, he joined Company B, 12th Iowa Volunteer Infantry, being elected captain.

He participated in numerous important engagements, among which were the battles of Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Jackson, Black River Bridge, Champions Hill and Vicksburg. After the latter engagement, Captain Earle was ordered to raise a regiment of colored troops. He carried this work to successful completion, and, much to his surprise, received the commission of colonel of the regiment, which was entirely unsolicited on his part. The regiment participated in the battle of Natchez and in the campaigns along the Mississippi River, and remained in active service till the close of the war. He was one of the few soldiers of the Civil War who never applied for, and would never accept, a pension.

With a creditable military record of brave, able and loyal service, Col. Earle received his honorable discharge and returned to Waukon, whence