

administered the first New Deal farm program in Iowa in 1933-35. He also served on the AAA state committee. Mr. McArthur became chief of the grain division of the Commodity Credit Corporation in Washington, D. C., in 1940. He remained active in positions of importance in that agency until his retirement in 1954. Mr. McArthur's work in the allocation of grain for export during the post World War II period won him a Legion of Honor award from the French government. He also served on the U. S. delegation to the international wheat council.

Mr. McArthur served Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties in the Iowa Senate from 1933 to 1936. He served in the Iowa House as Cerro Gordo County State Representative in 1959.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable William McArthur the state has lost a valuable, loyal, and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of the family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary be directed to send an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

DELBERT FLOY, *Chairman*,
ROBERT R. RIGLER,
LEO ELTHON,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

LEROY S. MERCER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Leroy S. Mercer, begs leave to submit the following:

Leroy S. Mercer was born in Newcomerstown, Ohio, on November 30, 1889, son of S. W. and Harriet Keast Mercer. He was graduated from Iowa City high school in 1908 and attended the University of Iowa where he became a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

He was married to Isabelle Brant on September 6, 1913.

Mr. Mercer's career of public service began in 1929 when he was elected to the city council. He was a Councilman until his election to the State House of Representatives in 1932. He served three terms as Johnson County's Representative.

After two years absence from the Statehouse, he was elected State Senator from the old Johnson-Iowa county district and served in that post from 1941 to 1953.

Mr. Mercer was elected to the city council of Iowa City in November, 1953, and named Mayor when he took his seat in January, 1954. He continued as mayor all through his four-year council term.

A divided Iowa City council turned to him again in April, 1962. Chosen from a list of 53 suggested, Mr. Mercer was selected unanimously by the four remaining members of the council and again named Mayor.

He continued to serve as mayor and a member of the council until November, although illness handicapped him in performing his duties.

Mr. Mercer was an acknowledged leader of the Democratic party in the legislature during his service in Des Moines and more than once was suggested as a candidate for higher office.

Mr. Mercer was associated with Economy Advertising, and its sales subsidiary, Bankers Advertising, Iowa City's oldest major firm for more than a half-century. The firm had been founded by his father, S. W. Mercer in 1895 and incorporated in 1904, six years before Leroy Mercer joined it. He became a vice president in 1920, president in 1956 and chairman in 1962.

He also was charter member and a past director of the Specialty Association of America, the trade association. In 1962 this association honored him at its national convention.

A member and past senior warden of Trinity Episcopal Church, he was a former president of the University Young Men's Christian Association. He also was president of the Iowa City Rotary Club and the last surviving charter member of the local club.

Other memberships include Masonic bodies, the Kaaba Shrine temple of Davenport, Elks and Moose lodges and Jesters. He also was active in Boy Scouts and Y.M.C.A. for many years.

Leroy S. Mercer died after a long illness on April 6, 1965, in Iowa City, Iowa, and is survived by his wife Isabelle, and two daughters, Dorothy and Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. John Dawson).

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of Leroy S. Mercer, the state has lost a valuable, loyal and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of the family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

ROBERT J. BURNS, *Chairman,*
GEORGE E. O'MALLEY,
LEO ELTHON,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

GLEN E. WHITEHEAD

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Glen E. Whitehead, begs leave to submit the following:

Glen E. Whitehead was born on a farm in Marshall County, Iowa, on August 11, 1892. He passed away on October 21, 1964, at the age of 72.

His early education was received in rural schools in Marshall County and Marshalltown High School. After a two year commerce course, he entered the newspaper field in 1914. He was associated with the Nevada