

EUGENE IRVING MASON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Eugene Irving Mason, a former member of the General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Eugene Irving ("Dan") Mason was born on a farm east of Brooklyn, Iowa, May 6, 1879. He died February 8, 1946, at Grinnell, Iowa.

He was the son of Eugene H. and Sarah E. (Manatt) Mason, a prominent farm family of Poweshiek county, honored and respected for their integrity and for their cultural and forward looking attitude toward the better things of life.

"Dan" attended rural schools and the high school of Brooklyn, and then the law college at Iowa State University. He was admitted to the bar in Oklahoma, but engaged in sales work as a commercial traveler for twenty-five years. Following this he returned to the home farm and operated several hundred acres of Poweshiek county land.

He was married to Rae H. Lynch of Phillipsburg, Kansas, and they had one daughter, Faith W., Mrs. Charles J. Santoro, now residing on the home farm east of Brooklyn. His wife preceded him in death.

He served one term as Senator from the twelfth district, composed of Poweshiek and Keokuk counties, from 1935 through 1938. He was of the Democratic faith, ardent in support of the principles of that party, but fair to opponents and vigorously opposed to all class legislation.

Senator Mason was co-author of the Iowa homestead exemption bill and advocated lower taxes, farm-to-market roads and repeal of the tax support given to the Farm Bureau. He never lost interest in public affairs nor failed to further the cause of efficiency and honesty in governmental administration.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-second General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Eugene Irving Mason, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen and the Senate would tender by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

LUKE VITTETOE,
W. N. SKOURUP,
RICHARD V. LEO,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

 HENRY DELBERT MILLER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Henry Delbert Miller, begs leave to submit the following:

Henry Delbert Miller, stockman, merchant and legislator, died August

26, 1945, at the family home near Morley, Iowa, where he had resided since his birth on January 7, 1867. He was engaged extensively as a breeder of black Angus cattle, and for many years as a grain dealer, merchant and banker at Morley, Iowa. At one time he conducted an automobile distributor business at Cedar Rapids where he attained the distinction of being the only man or firm who shipped autos by the train-load into the state of Iowa.

Mr. Miller served as State Senator from the Jones-Cedar county district from 1933 to 1939. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

In the passing of Senator Miller, Iowa has lost a distinguished citizen whose life symbolized integrity and honesty in affairs of the state.

EDWIN C. SCHLUTER,

FRANK C. BYERS,

ROBERT C. RELLY,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ADDISON M. PARKER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Addison M. Parker of Des Moines, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Mr. Parker was born on a farm near Guthrie Center, Iowa, on September 30, 1878. He died at his home in Des Moines on October 12, 1945, at the age of sixty-seven.

His father and mother had come to Iowa from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, in 1873. In 1896 at the age of eighteen Mr. Parker came to Des Moines and lived with John M. Day, whose home was located directly across Grand Avenue, south of where the State Historical Building now stands. The residence was torn down during the improvement of the capitol grounds. He attended East High School in Des Moines, from which he was graduated in 1898. Registering in the law college at Drake University Mr. Parker received his degree from that institution in 1903. During all of this time he was in charge of the John M. Day real estate and mortgage office in Des Moines. Mr. Parker engaged in the active practice of law in Des Moines until 1918. He was married on June 22, 1912, to Ida Louise Lange.

At the general election in 1914 Mr. Parker was elected on the Republican ticket to represent Polk county in the State Senate. As such he served during the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies, and was re-elected for a second term, serving in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-eighth Extra and Thirty-ninth sessions. During such General Assembly he was particularly interested in all progressive legislation. He served on the corporations, judiciary, railroads, cities and towns, public health, public utilities and mines and mining committees. He was always considered a "good roads" man and also one who was interested in public welfare and support for public libraries. He served and was active during the Thirty-eighth Extra Session of the General Assembly that