

years, and for six years was a member of the board of township trustees; elected representative in 1906, re-elected in 1908 and 1910; was a republican in politics.

An old-time friend and neighbor said of him "indeed he was a diamond in the rough, all the brightness of his nature slightly concealed by a thin crust which only needed a little human suffering to reveal it in all its beauty." He was found to be simply honest, truthful and conscientious, tributes of which his friends were proud.

He passed from this life at Rochester, Minnesota, on December 21, 1912, and was buried at Sibley, Iowa, on December 24, 1912.

Resolved, That, in token of our appreciation of his well spent life, this brief sketch be spread on the Journal of the House and that the chief clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the decedent.

D. C. STEELSMITH,  
S. H. BAUMAN,  
W. P. DAWSON,  
*Committee.*

Adopted April 14, 1913.

HON. HENRY B. MITCHELL.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and work of the Honorable H. B. Mitchell, late of Fairfield, Iowa, beg leave to report as follows:

Henry Blake Mitchell was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, on July 5, 1818. He was reared on a farm, and having lost his father at the age of fourteen thereafter was left to make his own way in the world. Having reached the years of his majority, and attracted by the allurements of the west, he left his native state and journeyed by wagon to Troy, New York, then by canal to Buffalo across the state of Ohio, then down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi to Keokuk. In 1840 he came to Jefferson County and located on a farm near Fairfield, where he and his brother, Thomas, afterward a pioneer of Polk County, builded a cabin, the first house west of Fairfield.

October 26th, 1847, deceased was united in marriage to Maria Elizabeth Tool in Jasper County. For more than sixty years these two shared life's joys and responsibilities. To them were born ten children. Mrs. Mitchell died about three years before the death of Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Mitchell was always interested in state and national affairs. He served as a member of the House in the Fourth General Assem-

bly, being the first Whig ever so chosen, and it is thought his death removes from earth the last survivor of the membership of the Fourth General Assembly, which Assembly was the last to meet at Iowa City before the Capitol was removed to Des Moines. For seventeen years he was president of the Fairfield Township School Board. He was for nine years a member of the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, eight of which he held the place of Chairman. In 1886 he was again elected to membership in the House of Representatives and was elected Temporary Speaker.

Mr. Mitchell was one of the founders of the Iowa State Agricultural Society, which held its first two fairs at Fairfield. He also helped organize the Jefferson County Fair Association and was for fifteen years its president. A man of the highest integrity, he was also one of the most useful men the community, where his home was so long, has known. To those who were less fortunate than himself he was always a friend. His counsel was always sought when good advice was needed. He passed from this earth at the home of his daughter, Mrs. U. B. Rogers, at Fairfield, Iowa, June 2, 1912. He carried with him the esteem of every man with whom he had transactions of any kind, for he did his utmost to make life worth living for those about him.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives directs that a memorial be entered on its records, attesting our appreciation of the man, and while the mournful fact is presented to us of his departure from earth, yet there is a measure of gratification that one so well deserving our commendation was so long permitted to remain to bless the community and state; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy hereof duly attested be transmitted to the family of the departed pioneer.

S. A. POWER,

J. T. HAZEN,

H. C. RING,

*Committee.*

Adopted April 16, 1913.

HON. DAVID J. PATTEE.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the Honorable David J. Pattee of Okoboji, Iowa, a late member of the House of Representatives, begs leave to report the following memorial:

David J. Pattee was born December 22, 1839, in the county of Chittenden, state of Vermont, and died at his summer home at Okoboji, Iowa, July 19, 1912, at the age of seventy-three years. He was educated in the public schools of Vermont in his native county of