

25th, 1902, he and Mrs. Newberry celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. His beloved wife died February 3rd, 1905, a bereavement to him that time did not lessen.

*Be It Resolved*, That the life of James Newberry, 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 engrossed copy thereof be sent to his son, Byron W. Newberry.

WILLIAM BECKER,  
ARTHUR SPRINGER,  
S. W. KLAUS.

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WILLIAM J. MOIR.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the Honorable William J. Moir, late member of the House of Representatives in the Eighth and Ninth General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

William J. Moir was born in Scotland in the year 1825, and emigrated with his parents to America in 1830. He came westward to Indiana, was naturalized in that state and in 1856 was admitted to the Bar. On October 27th, 1847, he was united in marriage to Miss Olive J. Ball, a native of Canada, who died only four months before his departure. Their two sons, Marcus W. and George J. survive their parents.

Mr. Moir came to Eldora in 1856 and thereafter made his home in that city. Mr. Moir was elected to the Legislature from Hardin County in 1861 and re-elected in 1863. In the first session he was a member of the judiciary committee. That session was made memorable by an incident which Mr. Moir relates himself. The newspapers reported the surrender of Fort Donelson while the Assembly was in actual session. Every man sprang to his feet shouting loudly and some one started the "Star Spangled Banner." One member moved that the prohibitory law be suspended for twenty-four hours and it was reported that it carried unanimously. In his second session Mr. Moir was chairman of the committee on claims and was especially active in railroad legislation. He was a close student of all that was going on in the Legislature. He was active in the work of several committees and enjoyed the respect of all members. At his death, Mr. Moir with the exception of Edward H. Stiles, was the only survivor who had voted for Grime's re-election to the United States Senate.

Mr. Moir was repeatedly called upon by his fellow citizen to fill places of trust and responsibility. He was for several years mayor of Eldora, president of the Hardin County Agricultural Society, president

of the Eldora Cemetery Society, and supervisor of Hardin County. He was for half a century treasurer of the local Odd Fellows Lodge. He died at Eldora on October 14th, 1918. He was honored and loved and respected by his neighbors and had the confidence and admiration of all who knew him.

*Whereas*, in his death the county and state have lost a worthy and honorable citizen;

*Be It Resolved*, That we hereby extend to the relatives and friends our tribute of respect; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions of respect be printed in the journal of the House and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

KING OF HARDIN,  
VANCE OF MADISON,  
KLAUS OF DELAWARE.

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#### JOHN A. COUSINS.

Honorable John A. Cousins was born April 15, 1837, in what is now Dubuque County, but which at that time was a part of the territory of Wisconsin. His father was Joseph Cousins, a pioneer farmer of that region and of English descent. His mother was Mary Baird Cousins. He received his early education in the log school house of the neighborhood and later he attended the Epworth Seminary and there completed his studies.

In 1890 the New Hartford State Bank was organized by E. Bourquin, E. C. Bellows, F. W. Paulger and Mr. Cousins, the latter acting as vice president. In 1898, Mr. Cousins with F. W. Paulger, W. W. Taylor and others organized the Plainfield Savings Bank at Plainfield, Bremer County, of which institution he was elected president and served the bank in that capacity up to the time of his death.

He served as Representative from Butler County in the 33rd and 34th sessions of the General Assembly of Iowa.

At Dubuque in 1859, he was united in marriage with Rebecca Fulmer, who has been his loving helpmate through fifty-nine years of happy married life and who survives him. To this union three children were born, two boys who passed away in their youth and one daughter, Nettie, who is the wife of Dr. J. G. Evans.

Mr. Cousins was a man of well and strong defined convictions and of a rugged honesty. The community keenly feels the loss of this man whose life was ever the constant support of the progress and uplift of the community. We all know where he stood on matters that effected the interests of the people. His life was appreciated by thousands who came in contact with him here and throughout the state.

On the 12th day of March, 1918, Hon. John A. Cousins passed away at the family home in New Hartford, Iowa. Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist Church at two o'clock Friday afternoon, Rev. Clements of Fonda officiated. Interment was made in Oak Hill cemet-