

council and was mayor of Iowa City from 1954 to 1958 and again in 1960 to fill a vacancy.

Mr. Mercer, a Democrat, served in the Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra, Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra, Forty-seventh, Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth sessions of the Iowa General Assembly as a state representative for six years and then as state senator for twelve years from Johnson County.

Surviving Mr. Mercer are his widow; two daughters, Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. John) Dawson, of Downey, California, and Dorothy Harriet, at home; a brother, two sisters, and four grandchildren.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Leroy Samuel Mercer the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the remaining members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

MINNETTE DODERER,  
BRUCE E. MAHAN,  
LAMAR FOSTER,  
*Committee.*

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#### HARRY A. MOORE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Harry A. Moore, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Harry A. Moore was born March 14, 1882, in Wright County, Iowa. His family moved to a Black Hawk County residence and he attended schools in that county. He attended the State Normal School (now State College of Iowa), and taught at Dike, and at schools in Waterloo, and then served as County Superintendent of Schools in Black Hawk County for four years.

On March 10, 1909, he married Julia Van Gelder of New Hartford, Iowa. To this union were born four children; Harriet (Mrs. Sidney Shapiro of Arlington, Virginia), Robert J., farming in the New Hartford area, Alice (Mrs. Harry Schooley of Indianapolis, Indiana), and Doris, who died at the age of five.

The Moores lived at Mason City for a couple of years, then farmed at New Hartford for a number of years, after which Mr. Moore operated a grain elevator and an implement business for a few years.

Mr. Moore served in the House of Representatives during the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-Third, and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly.

Mr. Moore was always an active worker in the Methodist Church, was for several years a member of the Masonic Lodge, and the Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Rotary International. He was a member of the New Hartford School Board and also served as chairman of the Butler County Farm Bureau for several years.

At the time of his death, August 24, 1963, he left a host of friends, his three children, five grandchildren and two great grandsons.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Harry A. Moore the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,  
HENRY W. BUSCH,  
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,  
*Committee.*

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### CHARLES B. MURTAGH

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Charles B. Murtagh, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles B. Murtagh was born at Waverly, Bremer County, Iowa, on November 11, 1881, the son of James X. and Mercy B. Murtagh. He moved to Shell Rock, Butler County, Iowa, in April, 1884, and graduated from high school there in 1898. He moved to Kossuth County in April, 1899, where for one year he was bookkeeper and assistant in Fenton State Bank. Mr. Murtagh moved to Ringsted, in Emmet County, in 1900, where he was first cashier and later president of the Ringsted State Bank for many years. While at Ringsted, he served on the town council and as mayor. He was elected state representative from Emmet County and served in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly. Mr. Murtagh was a Democrat.

He moved to Algona, in Kossuth County, in March, 1912, and for more than fifteen years was cashier of the County Savings Bank. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Buena Vista College.

Mr. Murtagh was the first State Comptroller of Iowa. He was appointed by Governor Clyde Herring in 1933 to this position and served in this capacity through 1938.

Upon his return to Algona he became president of the Security State Bank and remained as president until his retirement several years ago.

Mr. Murtagh was married in 1904 to Edna R. Cratty, and they had five children. Mrs. Murtagh predeceased her husband.