

## HONORABLE WILLIAM J. McCLAIN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William J. McClain, of Poweshiek county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

William J. McClain was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on January 21, 1866, a son of John and Sarah McClain.

In 1867, with his parents, he moved to Scott township, Poweshiek county, where they resided on a farm.

He attended the local schools and later attended Grinnell Academy.

He was married December 24, 1896, to Miss Edith Breniman. They lived for a while in Colorado, but after a short time moved back to Lincoln township where they resumed farming until moving to Brooklyn. To them were born five children: Mildred, Margery (deceased), Miriam, Marvin and Maynard.

Mr. McLain was a great reader, very well informed on farm problems and a keen business man. He was the type of man of whom could be said, "He bore malice to none, and charity to all."

He was a member of the Methodist church, Masonic lodge and Knights of Pythias. He was elected representative and served in the Forty-fourth General Assembly. In politics, he was a republican.

Mr. McLain died on October 21, 1935, after a short illness. He leaves to mourn his loss besides his wife and children, eleven grandchildren and several brothers and sisters.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the passing of the Honorable William J. McLain, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow and

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

J. W. FRIZZELL,  
ROY J. SOURS,  
J. P. GALLAGHER,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

## HONORABLE FRANKLIN PIERCE MOWERY

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Franklin Pierce Mowery, a member of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Franklin Pierce Mowery was born in Jefferson county, Iowa, June 29, 1853, and passed away at his home Tuesday morning, September 1, 1936, at 4:55 a. m. at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 4 days, being the first one summoned to break the immediate family circle.

On October 11, 1879, Mr. Mowery was united in marriage with Miss Cora E. Kirby of near Packwood, Iowa. To this union were born five children: Gaylord, Paul, Carrie, Earl, and Blanche, who together with his wife and three grandchildren Junior Linder, Max Mowery and Jean Kreigh survive him.

Mr. Mowery attended local schools and then entered Exline college at Fairfield, Iowa. He taught school for a number of years, then resumed farming on the home place where he spent his entire life except two and one-half years spent in Fairfield, Iowa, and Des Moines, Iowa.

Surviving him are two brothers, James of Abingdon, Iowa, and Virgel of Los Angeles California, besides a wide circle of relatives and friends.

He was an active member of the Abingdon Masonic Lodge No. 104 for 62 years consecutively and was always alert in promoting the welfare of his community.

He never lacked the highest esteem in the community he bettered by having lived in it during his entire life. Always thoughtful, always serious minded, always with an eye focused for the promotion of the common welfare and through all his years no one ever doubted his sincerity of purpose nor the genuinity of the integrity he always displayed.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the passing of the Honorable Franklin Pierce Mowery, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow, and

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

CHARLES W. NELSON,  
J. P. GALLAGHER,  
F. A. LATCHAW,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

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#### HONORABLE W. F. OEHMKE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the Honorable W. F. Oehmke, member of the Forty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

W. F. Oehmke was born in Champaign, Illinois on January 8, 1872. He died March 21, 1937. He was preceded in death by his wife.

Mr. Oehmke received his education in the public schools of Illinois. He came to Iowa in 1893, and he was married to Miss Anna Boll, of Pomeroy, Iowa, in December, 1897. To this marriage were born six children, all remaining to mourn the departure of a faithful and loving father. They are: Mrs. Hulda (Malcolm) Rabey, of Logan, Ia.; Mrs. Frieda (Howard) Stevens, of Garden City, Mo.; Mrs. Esther (Adolph) Anderson, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Louise (Claude) Protector, of