

an efficient, upright and trusted member, and the State and Nation a useful, honorable and patriotic citizen and soldier.

*Resolved*, That we extend to the family of the deceased, who are bowed with grief and sorrow, our earnest and heartfelt sympathy, in this their sad affliction; and request the Clerk of this House to transmit an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the bereaved widow and family, and that the same be spread upon the Journal of this House as a part of the records thereof.

B. F. ROBINSON.  
M. L. TEMPLE.  
G. W. KOONTZ.

Adopted April 8th.

REMARKS OF MR. ROBINSON.

Hon. William Henry Harrison Myers died at his home in Milford, Saturday, January 24, 1903, of Bright's disease. He was born in Clinton county, Ind., December 14, 1839, and moved with his parents to Fayette county in 1851. He attended Upper Iowa University at Fayette at the beginning of the Civil War, and left school August 12, 1862, to enlist in Company "H," Thirty-eighth Iowa regiment as first sergeant, and was discharged at Houston, Texas, August 15, 1865. He was married to Miss Mary E. Shannon, May 15, 1866, at Toulon, Ill., and located in Polk county, Iowa. He has resided in Iowa continually to the time of his death except two years in Kansas and five years in Nebraska. In 1895 he located at Milford, which has since been his home. In 1898 he was elected as representative from the eighty-first district to fill vacancy, and in 1899 was elected a member of the Twenty-eighth General Assembly, which place he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of those whom he represented. He was a member of the G. A. R. Post at Milford, Iowa, and of the Masonic fraternity.

During a short acquaintance with the subject of this sketch, I was profoundly impressed with his manly bearing, personal worth, integrity and strength of character; being a man of great personal magnetism, cordial and courteous manners, he instinctively drew every one close to him and made very close and intimate friends.

He was a good citizen; kind and obliging neighbor; a faithful and patriotic soldier; a wise and safe counselor; an intelligent and painstaking legislator; a devoted lover of his family and home and a true and sincere friend. Though not long a member of this house, yet long enough, I am sure to gain the confidence and respect of the membership of this body and it is entirely appropriate that we should at this time pause for a few brief moments from our legislative duties and labors and record this slight tribute to his memory.

Life is indeed a book. We read it page by page and day by day. While the page of today may bring the shout of laughter to the lips, the page of tomorrow will be blurred with tears. The road of today may lead into a dark foreboding tomorrow, but ere tomorrow's sun shall set we may pitch our tents within sight of the spires and domes of a friendly city. I think, Mr. Speaker, one of the happiest times in life is when holding a fresh,

new soul with in our arms, one fresh from the great immortality of the past; and the saddest hour is when holding some loved one by the hand, he steps down into the valley of the shadow we call death. We turn to earth and it is barren, to the sky and it is lead. The rift in the clouds only is the hope of immortality born within us and testified to by every line of nature that lies about us like an open book. With this light in our eyes we turn again to the earth, and it is no longer barren, again to the sky and it is no longer leaden, for we read the same voice in the storm or in the breaking wave, and in the quiet nook around the sunny bank, the same voice of faith—be patient. God reigns, and immortality is the jewel of the soul.

“There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in His justice that is more than charity.  
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.”

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#### HON. WM. C. GARRETT.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life and work of Hon. Wm. C. Garrett, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Wm. C. Garrett, an honored member of the Tenth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, an honored and respected citizen in the community in which he lived, departed this life on the 22d day of March, 1904. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, July 1, 1823. Removed to Van Buren county, Iowa, in October, 1851. Served in the Tenth General Assembly which convened in Des Moines, January 11, 1864, and adjourned March 29, 1864. He declined a renomination. He located in Decatur county in 1832, where he resided until his death, and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to command our love and esteem, and his services to the State were of such a character as to command the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in his death his family are bereft of a kind and loving father, his friends an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, and the State an influential citizen. That our hearts are touched with sadness because of his death and we extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

*Resolved*, That this resolution be printed in the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to transmit an engrossed copy to his bereaved family.

E. J. SANKEY,  
L. F. SUMMERS,  
WM. COBB,

*Committee.*

April 8, 1904.