

FRANK FINLEY MERRIAM

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

Frank Finley Merriam, newspaper man, legislator and state executive, was born on a farm in a log cabin near Hopkinton, Iowa, December 22, 1865. He was the eldest of eleven children born to Henry C. and Anna E. Merriam. He passed away while living in Long Beach, California, April 25, 1955, at the age of eighty-nine.

He worked his way through Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, and he graduated in 1888. He served as principal of schools at Hopkinton, Hesper and Postville, Iowa; and Wisner, Nebraska. He then returned to Hopkinton and became publisher of the Hopkinton Leader.

He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives and served in the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-sixth Extra and Twenty-seventh sessions of the General Assembly.

On November 8, 1898, he was elected Auditor of State and served until 1903. In that position he was ex-officio Commissioner of Insurance and Superintendent of Banking. He became publisher of a Muskogee Indian Territory newspaper in 1903, but he was called to Long Beach, California through family illness in 1910, where until 1920 he was in the advertising department of the Long Beach Press, later the Press-Telegram, and afterward a bank president and real estate broker in Long Beach.

In 1916 he was elected to the California Legislature, and re-elected four times. In 1928 he went to the State Senate, and in 1930 he was elected Lieutenant Governor, and on June 2, 1934, he became Governor of the State of California, defeating Upton Sinclair in one of the most bitter campaign fights in California's history.

Mr. Merriam was married in 1903 to Mrs. Nellie Bronson Day, formerly of Des Moines, Iowa, the widow of Charles H. Day. He again married on January 25, 1936, at the age of seventy, to Mrs. Jessie Lipey, an Iowa childhood acquaintance and widow of an Iowa banker.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Frank Finley Merriam, the state has lost an honored citizen, and the House by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to those who survive.

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.

FLOYD H. HATCH,
ROBERT B. CARSON,
RUSSELL ELDRED,

Committee.

ED L. NEWTON

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

Ed L. Newton was born in Wyanet, Bureau County, Illinois, on November 17, 1867. He was the son of Sylvester S. and Eliza Newton.

Mr. Newton first came to Iowa at the age of thirteen years, when he helped his older brothers drive cattle from their Illinois home to pasture lands near Massena, Iowa.

During the winters he returned to Wyanet to attend school, graduating from Wyanet high school in 1888.

He then came back to Iowa where he taught in the rural schools around Anita for eighteen years, two and one-half years of which were spent as Superintendent of schools at Massena, Iowa.

Mr. Newton was an ardent Republican. He was Grant Township Assessor for seventeen years; State Representative from Cass County in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies; served as Postmaster at Anita under five Presidents: Taft, Coolidge, Wilson, Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt.

Mr. Newton also served his community as an active member of the Methodist Church; the Masonic Order for sixty-five years; the Order of the Eastern Star, and vice-president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Association.

He was a second cousin of the renowned Charles Sherwood Stratton, widely known as General Tom Thumb.

E. L. Newton died at the Atlantic Memorial Hospital at Atlantic, Iowa, on November 18, 1955. He is survived by four children: Glen R., Hobart E., Emmett M., and Mrs. Charles Salmon, of Anita, with whom he shared his home for the past few years.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-seventh General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Ed L. Newton, the people of Cass County and the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

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.

LESTER L. KLUEVER,
SAMUEL E. ROBINSON,
EUGENE HALLING,

Committee.

H. P. NICHOLSON

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

H. P. Nicholson was born on a farm near Ossian, Iowa, Winneshiek County, on April 14, 1872. He educated in the rural schools near Ossian and the Ossian High School of which he was a member of the class of 1890.

After leaving school he became a farmer and he followed this occupation most of his life. In later years he became secretary and manager of the Silver Springs Creamery Company at Ossian, Iowa. For many years he was prominent in local agricultural and dairy circles and held