

## R. A. NELSON

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

R. A. Nelson was born at Reckordsville, Iowa, in Dubuque county, on September 17, 1888, and passed away March 5, 1958. He was the son of John and Mary Nelson.

Mr. Nelson attended the rural schools and worked as a farm hand until twenty-two years of age.

On January 31, 1910, he married Miss Alberta Cook. To this union were born eight children: Viola, Donald, Roy, Glen, Alberta, Carl, Merlin, and Leola.

Mr. Nelson moved to Buchanan county and farmed three years as a renter, then purchased Sunnybrook Guernsey farm. He was a breeder of Guernsey cattle and owned and milked "Molly Lou", one of the world's champion Guernsey cows.

He helped organize the first Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and was a member for thirty-nine years. He also helped organize the Farm Bureau in Buchanan county and was a charter member of the organization. Mr. Nelson helped organize the R.E.A. in Buchanan county, and served as a director for four years in this organization. He was a member of the Congregational church and was also a member of the Buchanan County Fair Board.

Surviving Mr. Nelson are his widow and seven children. One son, Donald, preceded him in death.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable R. A. Nelson, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful 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.

R. P. HARRINGTON,  
DONALD L. KIMBALL,  
JAMES E. PATTON,  
*Committee.*

## FRANK AUSTIN NICHOL

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

Frank Austin Nichol, the son of William A. and Margaret Austin Nichol, was born in Albia July 3, 1883. He passed away July 7, 1958, at the age of 75.

Following graduation from Albia high school he attended the University of Iowa and Drake University and was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1912.

Mr. Nichol's career in law and public service covered more than 40 years.

He served in the Iowa legislature as a clerk. Later he served as Representative from Monroe county in the Forty-ninth session of the General Assembly. He was a deputy United States marshal, a court reporter in the second Iowa judicial district, and was for 20 years Monroe county attorney.

Mr. Nichol was a member of the Monroe County Bar Association, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, Albia Masonic lodge and Howard Cessna post of the American Legion.

He was a member of First Christian church and had served it as deacon.

He is survived by his widow, the former Louise Mercer, and a sister, Mrs. Lucille Edwards of Manhasset, Long Island, New York. He was preceded in death by a sister, Miss Madge Nichol.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Frank Austin Nichol 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.

W. DEAN AUBREY,  
ROBERT E. CONNER,  
STANLEY WATTS,

*Committee.*

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#### FRANK W. OERTEL

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

Frank Oertel, son of Frank and Emily Hesbacher Oertel, was born December 9, 1887, in Keokuk, Iowa. He passed away on September 4, 1957, in Graham hospital, Keokuk, Iowa, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Mr. Oertel was united in marriage with Gertrude K. Jackson on March 1, 1941.

In addition to serving as judge of the only Superior court in Iowa for seven years, Judge Oertel was elected to the state legislature in 1917 and 1919 as Representative from Lee county in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. He also was justice of the peace in Keokuk, Iowa, for twenty-eight years.

Blind since infancy, Judge Oertel was fortunate in having the selfless devotion of two women—his mother until her death in 1937, and later his wife, who served as his "eyes" in the practice of law, in his duties as a magistrate, and in providing him with what amounted to almost normal vision of the world about him. With him it was a case of sightlessness, not blindness, because he was keenly aware of nature, people, things and events. As a result he enjoyed life immensely and lived it fully, cheerfully, and without a trace of rancor or self-pity.