
WILLIAM R. MONROE, JR.

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable William R. Monroe, Jr. begs to submit the following Memorial:

William R. Monroe, Jr. was born January 24, 1938, son of W.R. Monroe, Sr. and Adeline (Gerber) Monroe. He attended Burlington Junior College and Drake University. He practiced pharmacy in Dubuque, Oelwein, Fort Madison, Keokuk, and Van Meter. He lived in Urbandale for several years. He was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve for nine years, secretary of the Burlington Central Business District Citizen's Advisory Committee, former chairman of Des Moines County Democratic Central Committee, and former president of District 8, Iowa Pharmaceutical Association. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, Burlington Soaring Association, N.A.A.C.P., Knights of Columbus, and St. John's Church.

A Democrat, Mr. Monroe was a member of the Sixty-fourth, Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, and Sixty-seventh Extra General Assemblies.

William R. Monroe, Jr. died August 23, 2003 at the age of 65. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two daughters, Lisa Beeding of Kansas City, Kansas, and Melinda Monroe of Burlington; two sons, Clifford of Severna Park, Maryland, and William III of West Burlington; three stepsons, Steve Larson of Urbandale, Jeff Larson of Des Moines and Greg Larson of Ghana, Africa; a brother, Edward of Peoria, Illinois; a sister Mary Keever of Gladstone, Illinois; 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable William R. Monroe, Jr., 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.

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.

DENNIS M. COHOON
THOMAS R. SANDS
PHILIP WISE
Committee

KENNETH E. OWEN

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Kenneth E. Owen begs to submit the following Memorial:

Kenneth E. Owen was born September 1, 1918, in Jerome, the son of Samuel and Vera (Sedgwick) Owen. He attended Centerville High School and Centerville Junior College. He married Frances Hamm in 1937.

He and his wife farmed for many years in Jerome. He was Secretary of Agriculture from 1965-1966 and a fieldman for ASCS. He was instrumental in creating the Rathbun Regional Water Association of Centerville where he served as executive director for 20 years. He was selected Iowa Rural Water Manager of the Year, elected into the Iowa Rural Water Hall of Fame and served on the Iowa Rural Water Board of Directors. He was Iowa Master Pork Producer, Iowa Master Corn Grower and named the Daily Iowegian's Citizen of the Year.

Mr. Owen served on the board of the Appanoose county Farm Bureau for six years, and was chairman for two years. He was a member of the Jerome school board for nineteen years.

A Democrat, Mr. Owen was a member of the Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, and Fifty-eighth General Assemblies.

Kenneth E. Owen died January 23, 2001, at the age of 82. He is survived by his daughter, Diana Glenn (John) of Jerome; a son, Keith Owen (Sharon) of Centerville, and four grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Eightieth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Kenneth E. Owen, 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.

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.

KURT SWAIM
RICHARD D. ARNOLD
MARY GASKILL
Committee

H. LYLE SCHEELHAASE

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable H. Lyle Scheelhaase begs to submit the following Memorial:

Mr. Scheelhaase was born August 14, 1931, in Merville to Ernest and Mary (Hill) Scheelhaase. He entered the U.S. Army and served during the Korean conflict in Trieste, Italy in the Army Tank Corps. He returned to Lancaster, California in 1954 and graduated high school there. He married Norma Jean Kirkholm in 1954 in Battle Creek, Iowa. They lived in California until 1956, when they returned to Everly, Iowa, to farm. In 1959, they moved to his grandfather's farm near Merville and farmed in the area until his death.

He attended Morningside College, Western Iowa Technical College and Iowa State University. He was active in ACDI/VOCA (Agricultural Cooperative Development International/Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance), working in Bulgaria and Belerus to help farmers improve agricultural techniques. He served on the