

have lived on the home place ever since. In 1888, Mr. Peet built the fine brick house across the road from the old farmstead.

Surviving are Mrs. Peet and eight children: Mrs. W. F. McCarty of Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Meda Bowdish and Miss Minnie Peet of Anamosa, Iowa; Mrs. Ora Mayes of Tipton, Iowa; Mrs. H. L. Aarenficht of California; Mrs. W. E. Dandridge of New Orleans, Indiana; and James W. and Robert M. Jr., of Anamosa, Iowa. There are also nine grandchildren.

In politics Robert Peet was a democrat. He served as a member of the Board of Supervisors in Jones county for four years and was elected Representative from Jones county and served in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved*, That in the passing of the Honorable Robert Melvin Peet, Jones county and the state of Iowa have lost a valuable and honored citizen and that this General Assembly bear unanimous witness of his upright life and his honorable service to his state. He was a man honored and trusted, of sterling quality and irreproachable character.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions 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.

THOMAS STIMPSON,  
JOHN R. GARDNER,  
GEORGE SCHLATTER,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

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#### HONORABLE NELS PETERSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Nels Peterson, a member of the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Fortieth Extra General Assemblies of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Nels Peterson was born in Galesburg, Illinois, October 9, 1857. He died April 15, 1936 at the age of 78 years, 8 months, 6 days.

In 1895, he was married to Minnie A. Alter. They have one son and three daughters, who together with his wife and several grandchildren, and a host of friends survive him.

Mr. Peterson came to Swedsburg, Henry county, Iowa, when eleven years old. He received his education in the district school and Howes Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Mr. Peterson served his community long and faithfully in various capacities such as railroad station operator, assistant postmaster, secretary and director of schools, and as director of insurance associations and the elevator. Most of his life was spent on the farm near Olds, Iowa, where he looked after his farms and other business interests.

Conservative, thrifty, and ambitious, his community has suffered an irreparable loss as he was always held in the highest esteem.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That in the passing of the Honorable Nels Peterson, 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.

HARLAN C. FOSTER,  
E. W. STEWART,  
J. E. CRAVEN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.

#### HONORABLE Z. S. RATLIFF

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of the Honorable Z. S. Ratliff, a former member of the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third, and Forty-fourth General Assemblies of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Z. S. Ratliff was born in Henry county, Iowa, November 25, 1862, and passed away at his home July 26, 1936, at the age of 73 years, 8 months, and 1 day.

He was married to Amelia Dorcis Krameling of Kahoka, Missouri, October 7, 1891. He is survived by his wife and one son, Paul.

Mr. Ratliff received his education in the rural schools and Whittier college. He lived on the farm most of his life and was also interested in banking. He was always active in Farm Bureau work and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Farm Bureau Federation. He was interested in church work and a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Ratliff was a man of many friends, sterling qualities, and always forward looking, he worked to make his community a better place in which to live. He was honored and respected by all who knew him. No one ever doubted his integrity or sincerity of purpose.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That in the passing of the Honorable Z. S. Ratliff, 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.

HARLAN C. FOSTER,  
E. W. STEWART,  
J. E. CRAVEN,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 19, 1937.