

junior member. When the county seat was moved to Atlantic Mr. Phelps moved to that town and there continued in the practice of law. In 1893 he was elected to the State Senate from the Cass-Shelby district and served his state as Senator in the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-sixth Extra General Assemblies. In 1897 at the close of his Senatorial term President McKinley appointed him consul to Crefeld, Germany, which position was ably filled by him for four years. Some time after his return from abroad he located at Hollywood, California, where he continued to live until his death, February 25, 1913.

In 1869 he was married to Miss Mary A. Case, who died the following year, leaving an infant son, who soon followed her to the beyond. Some years after he was married to Percis M. Case, a sister of his first wife. His wife and two children, Mrs. Anna Temple and Will P. Phelps, are left surviving him to mourn his loss.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Phelps—The Oakes—was situated in a natural grove and adjoined the city of Atlantic. The door of their home was ever open to friends and neighbors, who recall their hospitality and kindness with pleasant memories.

Be it Resolved, That the private and public life of Julian Phelps was an open book and bears testimony to a fine, patriotic, noble and conscientious life, whose every act was for the uplift and betterment of humanity.

That as senator and consul he gave to the state and nation conscientious and faithful service.

That this memorial be entered upon the Senate Journal and an engrossed copy thereof, duly authenticated, be sent to the widow of the deceased.

THOS. H. SMITH,
CLEM F. KIMBALL,
JOHN L. WILSON,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Smith, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—In moving the adoption of these resolutions, or sentiments, I wish to say that to fully appreciate the life and character of this man you should have known him in his private life and in his home. His personality and nature were such that he would not attract special attention in the state or receive perhaps great notice throughout the country, but to those who knew him intimately, who came in contact with him in his every day life and especially in his home, all speak of the strong character and hospitality of this man. It has been said that man is more than a dual existence. He is what the public knows him to be, what his neighbors know him to be, what his wife and family know him to be, and

what he himself knows himself to be, but it can be said of ex-Senator Julian Phelps that what he himself knew himself to be, his wife, family, neighbors and the public knew him to be, because he was true—he was what he was. I take pleasure in moving the adoption of this memorial or sentiment.

Senator Webber, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

SAMUEL HOUSTON HARPER.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare and submit resolutions in memory of Samuel Houston Harper, of Ottumwa, Wapello county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Senator Samuel Houston Harper, whose life work and character we commemorate tonight, was born near Zanesville, Ohio, April 23, 1843, came to Ottumwa in 1853, where he resided till the time of his death, December 18, 1911. He was the type of our best citizenship, successful in business, and every undertaking of life. In home life he was the ideal husband and father, in civic affairs he was active, giving his time and money and lending the weight of his influence to every movement for the moral advancement of the community.

When but a boy of nineteen years he was among the first to answer the call of his country to service, enlisting as a private to serve in the bitter struggle of the civil war. When he closed his three years and seven months of service he had attained the rank of captain.

He was a man of peace, and when at the close of the civil war he returned to Iowa it was to embark in the hardware business, in which he was successful to a degree that when his final summons came he was at the head of one of the largest wholesale hardware establishments in the middle west.

He was elected to the State Senate in 1901, and served his district with honor and distinction during the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies. He was department commander of the G. A. R. in 1905, commander of the Loyal Legion in 1906, and at the time of his death he was mayor of his home city of Ottumwa.

In the passing of Senator Harper every worthy interest of the state sustained a loss. As a merchant he stood for everything honorable and progressive; as a citizen he stood for righteousness in all the word implies; as mayor of his city he was fearless in resisting wrong in the community; as a Christian he never shrank from meeting the obligations of that life.

Patriotic to the flag, loyal to the state, honest in all his dealings, a loving husband and father—these were the characteristics of Senator Samuel Houston Harper, whom we mourn tonight, therefore be it