

HON. ARTHUR HARRISON MOUNCE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable Arthur Harrison Mounce, state representative, reports as follows:

Mr. Mounce was born in Jewell County, Kansas, October 4, 1872, and died at a hospital in Ottumwa, Iowa, December 3, 1930. Burial was at Keosauqua. He was taken by his parents, in their removal in 1874 to Van Buren County, Iowa, which continued to be his home during the remainder of his life excepting six years spent in Polk county, Missouri. His education was secured in rural schools and in the Keosauqua high school. He followed farming until he entered the office of the clerk of the district court of Van Buren county where he served as deputy from 1913 to 1917, as clerk from 1917 to 1923, and again as deputy from 1923 to 1927. In 1928 he was elected representative and served in the Forty-third General Assembly. In 1929 he formed a partnership with R. B. Rowley in editing and publishing the Keosauqua Republican in which work he was engaged at the time of his death.

Mr. Mounce had a pleasing personality and a host of friends. He was honored and appreciated by all who knew him. His life was given to the best interests of the district in which he lived.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That in the death of Hon. Arthur Harrison Mounce, the state has lost a worthy and influential citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the Journal of the House.

STANLEY WATTS,
Z. S. RATLIFF,
C. W. LAMB,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HONORABLE HENRY LINN PIERCE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life and services of the Honorable Henry Linn Pierce, beg leave to submit the following:

Henry Linn Pierce was born at Bellville, Illinois, March 19, 1867, and died May 1, 1930, at Freeport, Illinois. Surviving him are his wife, two daughters, Helen and Grace, and one son, Edwin V. Pierce, all of Freeport, Illinois.

Mr. Pierce came to Iowa with his father at the age of nineteen years, his mother having passed away when he was a small boy. For a time he lived in the vicinity of Gillette Grove and also attended school at Spencer. For a few terms he taught school and about the year 1891 he entered the employ of the late C. L. Ward in the Bank of Linn Grove. He continued in that position continuously until the death of Mr. Ward in 1918 and then served as executor of the estate of Mr. Ward until January, 1926, when he turned it over to the court for liquidation.

Mr. Pierce was elected to the Iowa State Legislature, serving in the House of Representatives in the Thirty-second and Thirty-second Extra sessions. He was always keenly interested in all public affairs and devoted much time and energy to matters of civic interest in his state and community. His judgment and insight won for him the highest respect and esteem of his associates both in his home community and in the Legislature.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That the foregoing memorial be adopted in appreciation of the life and public service of one of Iowa's distinguished citizens, the Honorable Henry Linn Pierce.

Be It Further Resolved, That 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.

J. PARK BAIR,
P. H. DONLON,
G. H. HESSE,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HON. WILLIAM F. SCHIRMER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable William F. Schirmer, former member of the House of Representatives from Jackson county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

William F. Schirmer, editor and publisher of the Bellevue Leader, a representative of Jackson county in the General Assembly of Iowa during the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Regular and Fortieth Extra sessions died very suddenly in Bellevue, August 26, 1930. His death closed an active newspaper career of forty years. The only son of Frank and Bertha Schirmer, born June 16, 1873, at Bellevue. Attended the public schools and graduated from the high school in 1889. In 1890 he entered the office of the Bellevue Leader. On June 12, 1901, he was married to Antoinette Wichie and to this union one son, Allan Faber, was born, who is now connected with the musical department of an Ohio University. His life is closely connected with the social, civic and church activities of his community. He served the Presbyterian Church for thirty-two years as elder and superintendent of Sunday School, also member of the church choir. Fraternally a member of the Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, serving as Master and Worthy Patron. In civic responsibility, director and secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of the library board, former president of the Board of Education. More recently he had been associated with the Bellevue State Park Board and the Mississippi Scenic Highway. Politically he was a staunch republican. Mr. Schirmer was held in highest esteem by all who knew him in business, political and social relations. Every activity, every endeavor, was entered into with enthusiasm and zeal. These characterized the ability, service and life of