

State Representative Wendell Pellett, a member of the Republican party, served as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee for many years. He represented the Atlantic area in the House for twenty years from 1971-1990. During a study of members' attendance records in 1979 and 1980, it was found that Mr. Pellett had the best record of any representative. He missed only five of 1,200 roll call votes in two years, which was typical of his dedication to his position. His constituents always felt that he did an excellent job of representing Cass County.

Mr. Pellett passed away on January 9, 1996 at the age of 78. His wife, Haleen of Atlantic survives him, along with a daughter Karen Stewart of Martelle; a son Rick of Atlantic; two brothers, Bruce and Ted, both of Atlantic; and five grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Wendell C. Pellett, 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.

JOHN CONNORS
HAROLD VAN MAANEN
DICK WEIDMAN

Committee

J. NEAL PIERCE

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable J. Neal Pierce begs leave to submit the following Memorial:

J. Neal Pierce was born on June 18, 1914 in Lucas County, Iowa. He graduated from Russell High School in 1932. He was married to Hazel Price, and they had three children. He was engaged in a farming operation until his election to the House in 1957.

He was a member of Russell School Board, served on the Russell City Council and was Mayor of Russell for several years.

He was a member of the Republican Party, and represented Lucas County from 1958 to 1965. He then served as Deputy Secretary of State for two years.

He died on June 21, 1995. He is survived by his three children, Mary Ann LeMar of Norwalk; Roger Pierce of Russell; and Steve Pierce of West Des Moines; one sister, Inez DeBok of Chariton; one brother, Everett Pierce of Chariton; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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RICHARD ARNOLD
CECIL DOLECHECK
DAVID SCHRADER

Committee

WILLIAM SALTON

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

William Salton was born May 4, 1935 in rural Ayrshire, Iowa. He graduated from Gillett Grove High School. He married Darlene Stukey on March 18, 1956 at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Spencer and following their marriage, they farmed in the Gillett Grove and Ayrshire area. He was an active member of the Assembly of God Church in Spencer, holding many leadership positions.

Bill served on the executive board of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, and the private Land and Environmental Committee of the National Cattlemen's Association. He was President of the Iowa Forage and Grassland Council, served on the Board of Directors of the Iowa Lakes Controlled Grazing Council, was Superintendent of the Beef Division of the Clay County Fair, and was Chairman of the Clay County Extension Council. He served on the Board of Directors of the Farm Bureau as well as the Board of Directors of the Farmers Home Administration. He was a member of the Farm Advisory Council of Iowa Lakes Community College.

Bill Salton's many honors include Iowa's Top Commercial Cow/Calf Producer, State SCS Conservation Award, IFGC Top Producer Award, Kiwanis Farmer of the Year, Iowa Peace Maker Award from the Iowa Peace Institute, Clay County Cattleman of the Year, and IFGC Merit Award for Leadership.

Throughout his career, Bill and his family hosted 4-H and FFA Clubs judging contests, grassland and soil contests, cow/calf extension programs, and pasture management and soil conservation field days. At his farm home, he hosted countless farm tours, including the Spencer Business persons farm tour and the Spencer bankers breakfast tour. He was a well-known speaker at grass management and soil conservation meetings statewide.

Before domestic abuse shelters were established, Bill and Darlene's home was a "safe house" for abused women and children. They have taken eleven foster children into their home, and one has remained a part of their family circle; and also hosted a German foreign exchange student for a year. The Saltons established Salton Park on Silver Lake.