

EUGENE E. POSTON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Eugene E. Poston, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Eugene E. Poston, son of R. C. and Clara Poston, was born at Humeston, Iowa, on October 6, 1883. His parents moved to Corydon when he was very young, where his father was a prominent lawyer and banker for many years. He always regarded Corydon as his home until his death on October 22, 1961, following an illness of several months.

Eugene graduated from the Corydon High School in 1903, from Drake University in Liberal Arts in 1907 and in Law in 1909.

In June 1915 he was married to Miss Kathryn Ballew. She and their three children, Mrs. Elizabeth McHarry of New York City, William Poston of Greenfield and T. C. (Dode) Poston of Corydon and seven grandchildren survive him.

As a young man he went to Canada and as a pioneer engaged in breaking land and raising wheat and flax on a large scale. For a time he was employed in a bank of which his father was president and was engaged in various business enterprises before he took up the practice of law with his father and Honorable D. L. Murrow. Later he was in partnership with Honorable H. B. Bracewell and after that, with his son, T. C. Poston.

Mr. Poston served as County Attorney of Wayne County for eight years and was elected in 1940 to the House of Representatives. He served in the Forty-ninth, Fiftieth, Fiftieth Extra, Fifty-first, Fifty-second, Fifty-second Extra, Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly.

He was Democratic floor leader in the House, and served as a member of the Interim Committee. He resigned in 1952 to accept an appointment as Clerk of the Federal Court for the Southern District of Iowa, under Federal Judge W. F. Riley, a position he held until a few months before his death.

He was a member of the Christian Church, a member of the Board of Trustees of Drake University, a fifty-year Mason, a Rotarian and active in community affairs.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Eugene E. Poston 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, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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.

REED CASEY,
LORNE WORTHINGTON,
DELMOTT MOFFITT,
Committee.