

Temple of Clarke submitted the following:

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. Jacob Proudfoot, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Jacob Proudfoot, an honored member of the House of the Sixteenth General Assembly, from Clarke county, has departed this life, full of years and the honors of a well-spent life; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we sympathize with his bereaved family in the loss of the christian patriarch, whose love, counsel and direction were ever toward the right; with the state in the loss of another of those sturdy, God-fearing pioneers, who laid its foundations, deep and strong; and with the community in which he lived with the loss of a man whose hand was always ready to guide and assist in every good work, we yet rejoice in the fact that his life was spared beyond the span ordinarily allotted to man, and that his death, like his life, was a benediction and inspiration to all who believe in an immortality where the progress made in this life will be taken up and perfected.

Resolved, That the life and character of the deceased were such as to command our esteem and love, his public services were such to state, county and community as to command the respect and gratitude of his fellow men, and that he left the world better for having lived in it.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to transmit a copy of the same to the bereaved family.

M. L. TEMPLE,
S. T. MESERVEY,
JOSEPH MATTES,

Committee.

In submitting this report Mr. Temple spoke as follows:

MR. SPEAKER—I move the adoption of the resolutions just read.

As the representative of the county which he once represented, and the successor of the deceased in this body, I cannot refrain from saying a few words in this presence in testimony of the many good qualities of heart and mind of the Hon. Jacob Proudfoot.

He was born October 29, 1822, in Harrison county, then the state of Virginia, now West Virginia. In the year 1855, he bade adieu to the state of his nativity, and took up his journey to the then new and boundless west, traveling overland with his family by team from Virginia, arriving in Warren county, Iowa, where he made his home until the 9th of April, 1856, at which time he settled in the little post village of Liberty, in Clarke county, where he lived until his death, except a temporary residence of one year in Indianola, while his sons were attending college at that place.

He was of sturdy Scotch ancestry, his grandfather having come from the Highlands of Scotland to America, in the dark days of the Revolution, to cast his fortunes with the struggling colonists.