

Senator Perkins was an excellent lawyer and won honorable distinction in his profession. At the time he began his legislative career, he had demonstrated his ability to earn good fees and was in line for attractive professional promotion, such as any lawyer is sorry to give up, but Senator Perkins was superior to the fascination of power or the charms of wealth, and deliberately chose not to employ his talent solely for aggrandizement but devoted his energies largely to the public weal. He was high minded as well as able and deliberately chose his country for his client and her welfare for his retainer fees and compensation. He was a prodigious worker, always ready to do more than his share, giving to the state long hours of patient, painstaking toil during the thirty-sixth general assembly, when he was really stricken with a fatal malady. In spite of the protest of relatives and friends he worked on and on to the last day and last hour of the session, his last utterance here being a strong appeal for an appropriation to stamp out tuberculosis. He promoted many wise benefactions and left behind him a lasting impression for good.

His work is done, and his life is an admonition to do good deeds.

CYRUS S. RANCK.

Senator Byington, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Honorable Cyrus S. Ranck, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Cyrus S. Ranck, a former member of this body, has passed away since the session of the last general assembly and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Senate that some expression of our sense of loss be made of record,

*Be It Resolved*, That in the death of the Honorable Cyrus S. Ranck, the state has lost a man of strong virile character, who had given to the state valuable and distinguished service as a legislator, and who attained eminence at the bar. That we deplore his death as a loss to the state, which he served with signal ability and usefulness.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Senate and a copy be transmitted to his family.

O. A. BYINGTON,  
F. E. THOMPSON,  
A. M. FELLOWS,

*Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

EDMUND C. SPAULDING.

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

MR. PRESIDENT—Your special committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Edmund Cole Spaulding, beg leave to submit the following report: