

1898 purchased a controlling interest in the Merchants National Bank of Cedar Rapids and became its President. He was Chairman of the Board of the latter institution at the time of his death, as well as a director in several other business concerns of the city.

Mr. Hamilton was mayor of Cedar Rapids in 1878, and a member of the Linn County Board of Supervisors in 1882-4. In 1885 he was elected State Representative, and re-elected in 1887 and 1889, serving in the Twenty-first, Twenty-second, and Twenty-third General Assemblies. In the Twenty-third General Assembly occurred the famous deadlock when the House failed to organize for over a month and when finally Mr. Hamilton was elected Speaker. In 1890 he was elected to the Fifty-second Congress, defeating the Republican nominee, George R. Struble. Upon the death of L. G. Kinne, a member of the Board of Control of State Institutions, Governor Cummins appointed Mr. Hamilton to fill the vacancy for the remainder of Mr. Kinne's term, and appointed him for a full six-year term, beginning April 5, 1908, but he resigned October 1, 1909. In 1914 Mr. Hamilton was the Democratic candidate for Governor but was defeated by Governor George W. Clarke who was running for his second term.

Mr. Hamilton was an active worker in all bodies of the Masonic order, and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Cedar Rapids.

Mr. Hamilton passed away at his home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, January 24, 1925, and in his death the state has lost a useful citizen. His life and public services were of high character and he will be remembered as an ideal patriot, citizen, neighbor and friend. He is survived by his wife, one son, James, one daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Cook, and six grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable John T. Hamilton, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, whose fidelity to duty, faithfulness in every public and private trust, and splendid character should be an inspiration to all for a higher ideal in life.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House as an expression of the life and worth of the deceased, and copies thereof be transmitted to his family.

WM. H. STEPANEK,

E. A. GRIMWOOD,

T. L. WOLFE,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

HENRY T. REED

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of Judge Henry T. Reed, late Federal Judge of the Northern District of Iowa, beg leave to report the following:

Henry T. Reed was born at Alburgh, Vermont, October 1st, 1846 and

died at his home in Cresco, Iowa, Sunday morning, February 24th, 1925, at the age of 77 years. He came with his parents to Howard County, Iowa, in 1855 and was educated in the public schools of that county and at the Craig Academy in Lime Springs.

Mr. Reed was admitted to the bar in 1870 and opened an office in Cresco, Iowa, where he practiced law until his appointment as United States District Judge in 1904. During the time that he practiced law, he was connected with some of the most important litigation coming before the state and federal courts. In 1876 Mr. Reed was elected to the State Legislature as Representative from Howard County. He served one term in the Legislature and then continued in private life until his appointment as Federal Judge. In March, 1904, he was appointed by President Roosevelt as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Iowa, succeeding Judge Shiras, of Dubuque. This office he filled with great credit to himself and the district until he retired in December, 1921.

In his private life, Mr. Reed was a great lover of his home and family and was true to his friends. He was of rather a retiring nature and of a quiet disposition. He had a great heart full of sympathy and genuine kindness.

He conducted his court with much dignity and his opinions were always well considered. He was frequently called to serve on the Civil Court of Appeals and his decisions on important matters tried before that tribunal are models of good diction, good sense and sound law.

On June 30th, 1868, Mr. Reed was united in marriage with Miss Laura J. Webster. Mrs. Reed passed away in March, 1923. Surviving them are a son and daughter, Carl W. Reed and Mrs. W. T. Daly. The son, Carl W. Reed, is now a member of the Iowa State Senate.

The life and character of Judge Henry T. Reed and his long and eventful services, calls for us to place his memory among those who stand high in the history of Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the House of Representatives of the Forty-first General Assembly, that we take this occasion to express our appreciation of the substantial character and the public services of the deceased, and

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the members of his family.

L. B. FORSLING,
C. A. KNUTSON,
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Committee.

Unanimously adopted March 30, 1925.

EMILE M. HERTERT

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, which was appointed to prepare a memorial commemorating the life, character and services of the late Emile M. Hertert, beg leave to submit the following report:

Emile M. Hertert was born near Luxemburg, Europe, August 7, 1854.