

eral Assembly of Iowa, that in the death of John E. Wichman, the people of the Forty-third Senatorial District and the people of the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss. Everywhere he was known as a man honored and trusted, a man of sterling quality and irreproachable character.

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, That we extend to his estimable wife and to his family the deepest sympathy of this Body, and that we join with them in mourning the departure of so good a man. Their husband and father we shall ever remember as our friend and a true public servant of the people.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the journal of this Senate and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

E. W. CLARK,
O. E. GUNDERSON,
GEO. W. CHRISTOPHEL,
Committee.

Senator Clark spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: It was my privilege to have been acquainted with John E. Wichman ever since boyhood. I always admired him for his ability as a lawyer and for his sterling manhood. He was straightforward and when he believed in a certain principle he had the moral courage to advocate and defend it. He was uniformly courteous and kind, a good husband and a good father. He was considerate of the views of those with whom he could not agree, according to them the same honesty of purpose that always guided his actions. I feel a personal loss in his passing.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

SYLVESTER CALVIN REES

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable Sylvester Calvin Rees, State Representative and State Senator, reports as follows:

Mr. Rees was born on a farm near Carlisle, in Warren county, Iowa, on the 5th day of May, 1849. He was educated in the common school and in the high school of Carlisle. In 1868 he removed to Fremont county, where he taught school, and also worked as a clerk in different stores. He was engaged in farming, in which he was quite successful and acquired considerable land. In his later years he also engaged in real estate and insurance business.

In 1881 he was married to Miss Lulu Harris and to this union were born the following children: Paul Rees, J. R. Rees, Mrs. Edith Dyke and Mrs. Pearl Jones.

Mr. Rees served Hamburg as a councilman and as mayor. In 1914 he was elected State Representative and was reelected in 1916, serving in the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies. In 1922 he was elected State Senator and served in the Fortieth, Fortieth extra and

Forty-first General Assemblies. Mr. Rees died at his home in Hamburg, Iowa, on March 1, 1929.

Mr. Rees was a man of honor and stood high in the confidence and esteem of his associates. He was kind, considerate and generous and served well in every capacity in which he was engaged. In public or private life, Mr. Rees was a man of pronounced convictions, candid and outspoken, and there was never room for doubt as to his stand on any public question; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Sylvester Calvin Rees, the State has lost a worthy and influential citizen, and that we extend to his relatives and friends our sincere sympathy; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

DENVER L. WILSON,
OSCAR ULSTAD,
F. C. GILCHRIST,

Committee.

Senator Wilson spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: I am glad to say a word by way of commemorating the life and public work of Senator Rees. He was a product of Iowa, born within the borders of this state, in 1849 and died at his home March 1, 1929. He was a success in business and in his legislative service. He was a man of pronounced convictions, backed up with sound judgment. His work as a legislator was a credit to his district and the state, and in his going this state has lost a valuable citizen.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

GEORGE FRANKLIN COBURN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the late George Franklin Coburn of Marcus, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

George Franklin Coburn was born at Belvidere, Illinois, on the twelfth day of May, 1856. At the age of twenty-one years he moved to Iowa and located upon a farm near Marcus. Later in the same year Mr. Coburn married Mary Ann Pettengill. To this union were born five children.

He was the proud owner of a stretch of prairie which was transformed largely by his own personal labor into one of the best farms in Iowa. Upon this same farm Mr. Coburn passed away on the seventeenth day of March, 1929. From this farm home the funeral party proceeded on the twenty-first day of March to the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Inside accommodations were available to less than one-half of the crowd of friends who had gathered. Interment was made in the little cemetery near the church. Mr. Coburn was one of the founders of this cemetery in earlier years.