

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 1921 he was elected State Senator and served in the Fortieth 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 House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

L. O. CLARK,
LENUS HAGGLUND,
OTHA D. WEARIN,

Committee.

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HON. D. FULTON RICE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare a resolution and a befitting memorial on the life, character and public service of the Honorable D. Fulton Rice, a member of the Forty-first and Forty-second and Forty-second extra General Assemblies, beg leave to report as follows:

D. Fulton Rice was born September 13, 1889, on a farm southeast of Exline, Appanoose county, and met his death at the hands of an assassin in the court yard at Centerville, Iowa, February 28, 1929. His parents still living are John F. and Sarah E. Hibbs-Rice. The parents and family were God-fearing people, and David Fulton was raised a Christian and was during all of his adult life a member of and an active worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday School and all other organizations of the church, and a member of the official board.

Mr. Rice attended the country schools in the township in which he was raised as a boy until old enough to take an active part in farm life. After a few years of work on the farm he was seemingly suddenly struck with the determination to get an education. At the age of nineteen he returned to the country schools. Due to the moderate circumstances of the family, getting an education seemed almost impossible, but this was no barrier to D. Fulton Rice. After attending the country school for six months he passed the county examinations in Putnam county, Missouri, and taught one term at the Friendship country school in that county. Next year he attended Kirksville Normal school and then taught again

for a period. His next step was a course in the Drake University law school at Des Moines, where he worked his way, and then a course in the University of Michigan, finishing his studies in the law office of Valentine & Hayes in Centerville. He passed the bar examination before the Supreme Court of Iowa in June, 1917, and entered the practice of law in Centerville. After a difficult struggle in the law field here he moved to Knoxville and opened an office in that city and practiced there for a little more than a year.

This period was a struggle and he finally decided that his home was the place for him and he again established an office in Centerville and determined to make the fight of his life for a name and a portion of this world's goods in a place where competition seemed to be the strongest. During the World War he enlisted and was assigned to the Judge Advocate's office at Camp Beauregard, Alexandria, Louisiana. During the time he was in this service his many friends made him Democratic nominee to congress from the eighth district. He was defeated mainly because of his youth and the overwhelming majority attendant to the opposing party.

Elected to the legislature in 1925 by a good majority, he served two terms and one extra session, and was even proposed as a candidate for the governorship of Iowa on the Democratic ticket, by a large number of his loyal friends and admirers. Mr. Rice was always an active worker for his party and made it a point to attend all the sessions of his party whenever possible and had attended the recent Democratic National Convention at Houston, Texas. Because of his meeting so many learned attorneys and leaders of politics and his experience as a law maker and legislator, coupled with his extensive practice at home, he was considered one of the leaders of the Iowa bar and even by some an authority on some of the fine points of law. It is common knowledge that Mr. Rice always retained a friend once meeting him, and he was just at the place where the bigger things were opening to him.

The tragic taking of this young man's life for no reason at all is a blow felt by the entire state and by many all over the country. A grief-stricken wife and children have lost a most dutiful husband and father. The mother and father have lost a virtuous son, the brothers and sisters have lost a loving brother, the United States and the state of Iowa have lost a good and useful citizen.

He was married June 22, 1919, to Ruth Rhea and to this union has been born two children, David Fulton Jr. and Eleanor Rhea. His home life to all those who knew him intimately was an inspiration and an example. His life outside the home was filled to the brim with kindness, love and friendliness. He was active socially as much as his work permitted, being a member of the Knights of Pythians and Masonic orders and the Ray C. Walden Post American Legion.

The violent taking of this young man from his family and hosts of friends seems a tragedy for which there is no atonement.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-third General Assembly, That in the death of Honorable D. Fulton Rice this state has lost a loyal citizen, a man of fine ideals and public

spirit, and this House by this resolution tenders its sympathy to the family that survives; and

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and an enrolled copy sent to the surviving members of the family.

HOWARD BALLEW,
LEONARD SIMMER,
JOHN F. KLINE,

Committee.

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HON. J. D. ROBBINS

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and services of the Honorable J. D. Robbins, late of Mills county, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

J. D. Robbins, who represented Mills county in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, was born at Valparaiso, Porter county, Indiana, December 4, 1854, the son of Samuel Putnam Robbins and Caroline Coe Robbins. Mr. Robbins received his education in the schools of Valparaiso and attended the normal college in that city, receiving his diploma from the commercial department. As a young man he and his brother engaged in farming in his native state of Indiana. They owned one of the largest and finest farms in that section. In 1881 he was married to Miss Henrietta Gaylord of Porter county, Indiana, and they began their home life on a ranch in Kansas, where Mr. Robbins had located in 1880, and established themselves in the cattle ranching business. In 1882 they left Kansas and returned to Indiana, and the following year emigrated to Iowa, buying the Lute Robbins ranch north of Hastings, now known as the Highbank Farm, which was developed into one of the finest ranches and farm homes in the state.

Mr. Robbins did not confine all of his activities to farming, but engaged in the lumber business for a time at Hastings, and for several years operated a grain business of considerable extent. While on the farm north of Hastings he was an active member of the Wesley Chapel Methodist church, and was always greatly interested in the Sunday School work of that institution. For many years he taught a class of young people there, and continued the same line of public spirited work after moving to Malvern. His large Sunday School class in the Methodist church of that city was one of the last things he mentioned. The extent of his work in that field permeated favorably throughout the entire countryside, and left the kindest of thoughts for him among his many friends.

In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Robbins moved to Malvern, building a new and beautiful home where he resided until his death. Upon coming to that pleasant little city, he took an active interest in civic affairs and was serving a second term in the council when death claimed him. He was active in the work of financing and building the new Memorial Community Building, and was one of its trustees from the time it was built. In addition, he was chairman of the official board of the Methodist church