

third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Peter Rasmussen, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the community a true benefactor.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JAY LEEKA,
HOWARD E. BROOKINGS,
WARREN WELLS,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Ira E. Robinson of Monroe County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Ira E. Robinson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Ira E. Robinson was one of the eight children of Robert and Lois Robinson. He was born June 6, 1865, on a farm south of Albia, Iowa, in Monroe county.

His father and grandfather had come to Iowa in the forties from Kentucky. There is a story in the family that, although Daniel Boone's daughter was the first white child born in Kentucky, Ira's great-uncle Bob was the first white boy born in that state.

Ira enjoyed recalling the good times and the hardships in the pioneer farm home, the hospitality of his mother, and the changes which had taken place in the country since his boyhood.

He was a member of the Christian Church, which was an important part of his life. The Albia Christian Church was organized in the home of his grandfather, and his parents were very active in the church work.

He was married March 25, 1896, to Flora Lemley. To this union were born two sons and two daughters. One of Ira's greatest desires was to give his children an education. This was accomplished not without sacrifice on the part of the parents, especially when all four children were in college at the same time.

Ira lived sixty-five years on the home farm. He loved the land and built it up as long as he lived on it. He also took pride in his livestock.

He was one of the first in his community to be interested in the Farm Bureau and later served as county president. In 1920 he traveled over Missouri on a membership drive for that organization.

He had a never-failing interest in people of all types. His friends were valued highly. He had the privilege of serving them as a member of the county board of supervisors and as state Representative. Truly it can be said of him that he loved his fellow man.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the death of Ira E. Robinson, the state mourns the loss of one of its honored and distinguished citizens and the House, by this resolution, tenders its sincere sympathy to the surviving family in their sorrow; and

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon

the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

JAMES W. FOSTER,

JOHN HANSEN,

GENE POSTON,

Committee.

Memorial to the Honorable Wayne M. Ropes of Monona County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Wayne M. Ropes, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

The Honorable Wayne M. Ropes, the son of Jess L. and Mae Moorhead Ropes, was born at Onawa, Iowa, on October 23, 1898. He attended the Onawa public schools, the National Business College at Sioux City, and the Hohenshuh-Carpenter College of Embalming at Des Moines.

In 1922 Mr. Ropes was married to Cora Grapes of Blencoe, Iowa. To this union two children were born, Majayne and John Milton.

Mr. Ropes engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Onawa. He became actively interested in public affairs, and in 1925 was elected Monona county auditor, which office he held for eight years. In 1933 he became connected with the Iowa state banking department where he remained until 1936. Mr. Ropes served as Monona county Representative in the Forty-eighth General Assembly. In 1942 he was elected secretary of state and was re-elected in 1944.

During World War I Mr. Ropes was in the Medical Corps of the United States Navy, serving at naval bases in Ireland, Italy and France.

Mr. Ropes was a member of the First Christian Church. He was commander of the David McNeill Post, American Legion; president of the Onawa Commercial Club; Consistory, Forty and Eight, I.O.O.F., Moose and F.O.E.

Mr. Ropes died on July 18, 1948, and is survived by his wife and two children.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Wayne M. Ropes the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

HARRY NIELSEN,

ALBERT WEISS,

FRANCIS E. TIERNEY,

Committee.