

year terms on the Iowa State Board of Health. During his tenure on the Board of Health he made many health policies that are in effect today, helping the people of the state of Iowa.

While Joe was still in the Navy, he returned home on a convalescence and rehabilitation leave for two weeks and married his high school sweetheart, Helen Hammans, also of Arispe, on July 20, 1945. Joe was always active in his community having served two terms on the Mt. Ayr City Council, Ringgold County Hospital Board of Trustees, and headed the committee to build the new addition onto the hospital. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge having served as Worshipful Master of Chariton Lodge #63 in Chariton and Faith Lodge #179 in Mt. Ayr.

Joe was a District Lecture for the Grand Lodge of Iowa and he conducted over 100 Masonic Funerals for his lodge and surrounding lodges. He served as Worthy Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star. He was a Rainbow Dad and was awarded the Grand Cross of Colors for Rainbow Girls. Joe was a Cub Scout leader, and an active member of the Methodist Church, having served as a Lay Leader and Lay Speaker, served on the Administrative Board and many committees. He was also a Past Commander of the Mt. Ayr American Legion Post #172, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Des Moines Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine and a past president of the South Central Shrine Club.

A Republican, Mr. Gross was a member of the 69<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup>X, and 69<sup>th</sup>XX General Assemblies.

L.W. Joe Gross passed away on August 2, 2004, at the age of 78.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-First General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable L.W. Joe Gross, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.*

*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 forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

CECIL DOLECHECK  
MIKE REASONER  
RICHARD ANDERSON  
Committee

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KENNETH A. ROBINSON

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Kenneth A. Robinson begs to submit the following Memorial:

Kenneth A. Robinson was born September 29, 1914, near Panora, the son of Albert M. and Ola (Maynard) Robinson. During his junior year of high school he was stricken with polio. He graduated in 1934 from Panora High School and from Drake University in Des Moines with a degree in economics in 1938. While at Drake, he was managing

editor of the Times Delphic where he wrote primarily sports articles and also wrote for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

In 1940 he became owner and publisher of the Bayard News and Bagley Gazette. On October 6, 1946, he married Mary Louise Moulton in Stuart. He received many state and national awards and honors. He was a recipient of the Iowa Master Editor Publisher Award and was nationally recognized with the Amos Award given to the person considered to have done the most for the newspaper industry and his own community.

Mr. Robinson served as mayor of Bayard for 24 years. He served as president of the Iowa League of Municipalities, was active in the Democratic Party, serving as county chair, district committeeman, and delegate at-large to three national conventions. He served on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the board of Friends of Public Television. He was the first recipient of the Easter Seals of America award to honor the disabled person in America who had provided outstanding service to his government and community.

Mr. Robinson was a 48 year Lions Club member and organized the Bayard Senior Citizens Housing Corporation that built several low income complexes and a community center, and was involved in the establishment of the nursing home.

A Democrat, Mr. Robinson was a member of the 61<sup>st</sup> General Assembly.

Kenneth A. Robinson passed away on April 30, 2004, at the age of 89.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-First General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Kenneth A. Robinson, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.*

*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 forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.*

CLEL BAUDLER  
RALPH WATTS  
DONOVAN OLSON  
Committee

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GEORGE R. SWEARINGEN

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable George R. Swearingen begs to submit the following Memorial:

George R. Swearingen was born January 8, 1923, in Winfield to George and Priscilla (Bretz) Swearingen. He graduated from Winfield High School and received his B.S. from Iowa State University, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. On June 18, 1949, George married Marian Smith in Maywood, Illinois.