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#### 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.

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