

Frank W. Russell was born at Elk Grove, Cook county, Illinois, on January 4, 1859, and passed away at his home in Forest City, Iowa, on January 31, 1940. Mr. Russell spent his childhood in Elk Grove, attending schools there and in Arlington Heights. He was united in marriage to Miss Annie Fernald, in Arlington Heights, on February 22, 1888.

Mr. Russell came to Winnebago county, Iowa, in March, 1888, and settled on a farm near Thompson, Iowa, and remained there until 1910 when they moved to Forest City, Iowa, but he continued farming by driving back and forth from Forest City to his farms for years until a short time before his death.

Mr. Russell was well known throughout the county, having served as president of Winnebago County Fire and Lightning Insurance Association for forty years. He also served on the school board in Newton township, Winnebago county, for twenty years, and after moving to Forest City served on the school board of that city for several years, part of the time as president of the board.

Mr. Russell was a member of the House of Representatives from Winnebago county, of the Thirty-fourth General Assembly, in 1911. He was always interested in politics and the welfare of his community.

No citizen of his community was held in higher esteem. He was beloved by his friends and neighbors. In his passing his community has suffered a great loss. He always stood for improvement and progress, for justice and truth, and his influence has been a potent force in the development of our county and state.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable Frank W. Russell, the state has lost a valuable and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to the surviving wife in her 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 wife of the deceased.*

JOHN G. ODDEN,  
H. M. KNUDSON,  
W. S. PRITCHARD,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE JOHN RYDER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Honorable John Ryder, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

John Ryder, the son of Patrick and Estelle Ryder, two of Dubuque's earliest pioneers, was born in 1862 in the city of Dubuque, Dubuque county, Iowa, where he died on March 9, 1940.

He was educated in the parochial schools of Dubuque and attended Bayless Business College. For twenty-five years he was associated with his

brother, the late Philip Ryder, in the Ryder Brothers Wholesale Grocery Co. In 1919 the brothers organized the Ryder Realty Co., in which they were both associated until their respective deaths.

Mr. Ryder, a life-long member of the Democratic party, was elected one of Dubuque county's two representatives in the lower House and served during the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third, Forty-fourth, Forty-fifth, Forty-fifth Extra, Forty-sixth, Forty-sixth Extra and Forty-seventh General Assemblies.

It was during the Forty-seventh General Assembly that Mr. Ryder received wide publicity throughout Iowa, when he was brought into the House in a wheel chair to cast his Democratic vote which broke a tie in the race for Speaker of the House. Mr. Ryder had been ill for several months before the opening of the session. When it became obvious that his vote was needed to insure the election of LaMar Foster, a Democrat, Mr. Ryder made the trip and cast the vote that elected Mr. Foster.

Mr. Ryder was widely known throughout the state through his connection with the state organization of the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was a member of St. Columbkille's Court of that Order in Dubuque for many years. He represented his Court at many state conventions and was elected to many state offices, eventually being made head of the Order in the state, holding the office of Chief Ranger for many years.

Mr. Ryder was married to Miss Anna L. Killeen in St. Raphael's Cathedral in Dubuque in 1917. She died in 1923. He was a life-long member of the Catholic faith and of St. Raphael's Parish. He was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Raphael's Parish and of the Dubuque Council of Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree Assembly of that Council.

Mr. Ryder served his community and state and served them well. The city of Dubuque and the state of Iowa have lost a valuable citizen.

Mr. Ryder is survived by his sister, Miss Esther Ryder, and two nieces, Miss Marian Ryder and Miss Isabel Ryder.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa in Regular Session, That in the death of John Ryder, the people of Dubuque county and the state of Iowa have sustained a great loss.*

*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 sister and nieces of Mr. Ryder.*

ROBERT C. REILLY,  
J. W. MANLEY,  
ARCH W. MCFARLANE,

*Committee.*

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

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#### HONORABLE HENRY O. SEIFFERT

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