

Highland Park College, Des Moines. He was in the automobile business since 1912.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Geerdes on August 26, 1948.

Mr. Ross was the first Grundy County soldier to enter World War I and served two years, one of which was in France. He also served his country in World War II, and was a charter member of the Ashing-Jaspers Post No. 213 of the American Legion in Wellsburg, and the Grundy County Barracks No. 1418 of World War I Veterans.

He served as State Representative of Grundy County in Des Moines in 1937 and 1939. He was a past Commander of the Third District of the World War I Veterans' organization, the Mayor of the town of Wellsburg for 10 years, and was also an original member of the Board of Commissioners of the Grundy County Memorial Hospital and would have been relinquished of his post as of April 1, 1971.

Claus W. Ross passed away Tuesday morning, March 30, 1971, following a heart attack. Services were held at the Second Christian Reformed Church, Wellsburg, Iowa. Surviving are his wife, Bessie; one sister (Tatjie) Mrs. Dick Huisman, Sr., of Wellsburg; two brothers, Will W. Ross of Wellsburg and John W. Ross of Wellsburg.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Claus W. Ross, 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, 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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

HAROLD O. FISCHER  
FLOYD H. MILLEN  
RICHARD W. WELDEN  
Committee

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#### LEO I. SANDERS

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

Leo I. Sanders was born in Osceola, Iowa March 16, 1894, son of Luther T. and Adella Sanders. The family moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1897. He attended the Des Moines schools, and was graduated from West High School.

Mr. Sanders was married to Sarah Davis on August 4, 1916 in Newton, Iowa, and to this union were born three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Sanders was engaged in the wholesale ice cream business most of his adult life. He was the Mayor of Estherville from 1956 to 1962, and was associated with the Estherville Daily News. He was a member of the

Republican Party, and was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives and served as Representative from Emmet and Palo Alto Counties in the Sixty-second and Sixty-third sessions. He was the Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Club, past Board Member and Vice-President of the League of Iowa Municipalities, past member of the Board of Estherville Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of Estherville Christian Church, and was a past member of the Church Board, and of the Church Property Committee.

Mr. Sanders passed away March 5, 1971. He is survived by his wife, Sarah of Estherville, Iowa; three sons, Robert Sanders, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jack Sanders, Iowa City; and William Sanders, Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Patty) Thompson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; seventeen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Ralph Sanders, Estherville, Iowa; and one sister, Mrs. Blanche Davis, Des Moines, Iowa.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Leo I. Sanders, the state has lost an honorable citizen and a faithful and 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 directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

ROLLIN C. EDELEN  
JAMES E. WIRTZ  
BERL E. PRIEBE

Committee

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### MELVIN E. STORY

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

Melvin E. Story was born at Farmington, Iowa, July 7, 1906, son of William and Linnie Petrie Story. He attended the public schools of Farmington. He married Martha Beatrice Buchanan of South English at Bethany, Missouri, September 17, 1932, and to this union were born two children, two sons. Mr. Story was a veteran of World War II, having served two and one-half years with the U. S. Signal Corps, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Consistory, Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple, Telephone Pioneers of America, and the Congregational-United Church of Christ. He was employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company for 25 years prior to his retirement. Mr. Story was a Republican and served as State Representative for one term in the Sixty-second General Assembly.

Mr. Story passed away January 2, 1971, at the Keokuk County Hospital, Sigourney, Iowa, after a two-year illness. Services were held at the Powell Funeral Home in North English, Iowa, and burial at South English Cemetery.