

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send an enrolled copy to the members of the deceased.

CARL T. ANDERSON,
D. C. NOLAN,
THOMAS C. LARSON,
Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

WILLIAM SCHMEDIKA

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life and public service of the late Honorable William Schmedika, submits the following report:

William Schmedika was born in Shellsburg, Wisconsin, on August 19, 1869, and died a resident of Hardin County on June 3, 1951. In 1875 his parents moved to Hardin County, Iowa, settling in the western part of the county. His early boyhood days were spent on the farm and attending the rural school. Later he attended the Dexter Normal School at Dexter, Iowa. He lived on the farm all of his life, for years farming in the summer and teaching school in the winter. Later he quit teaching and farmed extensively, together with buying, feeding and shipping livestock. Also a heavy writer of fire insurance, being with the Farmers of Cedar Rapids thirty years. In 1889 he was united in marriage with Clara Awe. To them were born two boys and two girls. His wife died in 1907. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1914, and in 1923 was elected Senator to fill a vacancy caused by the death of the Honorable D. C. Chase. Senator Schmedika maintained an active interest in public affairs throughout his life and was always well informed on political matters and was very active at all political elections.

His survivors are his two sons, Dale Schmedika of Jewell, Iowa, and Roy Schmedika of Alden, Iowa, and his two daughters, Vera Schmedika Benson of Radcliffe, Iowa, and Leta Schmedika Johnson of Radcliffe, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-fifth General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable William Schmedika, the state has lost one who has always been very active in public affairs and kept interested and well informed on political matters, and the Senate tenders by this resolution its sincere sympathy to the surviving members of his family in their sorrow.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the members of the family of the deceased.

R. R. BATESON,
W. ELDON WALTER,
J. G. LUCAS,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

ALBERT JOSIAH SHAW

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Albert J. Shaw, Sr. of the city of Pocahontas, Pocahontas County, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Albert Josiah Shaw, school teacher, attorney, legislator, and public servant, was born August 31, 1876, at Dayton, Wisconsin, the son of Prentis and Jennie A. Shaw, and departed this life Friday, October 10, 1952, the result of a cerebral hemorrhage, suffered on the preceding July 6.

In the year 1892, he came with his parents to Iowa and settled in Pocahontas County near the town of Havelock and three years later, in 1895, moved to a farm in Powhatan Township, which was the family home for many years. He received his elementary and high-school education in the towns of Rolfe and Plover and later attended Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. Following a short period of school teaching, he matriculated at Drake University and received a degree of Doctor of Law in 1901. He practiced this profession at Corwith, Iowa, for only a short period of time before returning to Pocahontas. Here he formed a law partnership with the late W. C. Ralston, and continued actively in this profession for over half a century.

Mr. Shaw was Pocahontas County attorney for ten years from 1910 to 1920, and for 12 years he served the Fiftieth district, comprised of Humboldt, Pocahontas, and Buena Vista Counties in the state Senate. During this tenure he was the author of many important pieces of legislation, the most outstanding being the Homestead Credit Law.

At the time of his death he was serving his state as its industrial commissioner and was also a trustee of Buena Vista College of Storm Lake.

He was united in marriage to Genevieve B. Murphy on September 23, 1908. To this union there were born three sons, Frank and Albert Jr., attorneys of Pocahontas, and Robert, a teacher in the Jordan, High schools, also two daughters, Catherine; Mrs. George Shors, and Eleanor;