

*And be it further resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the chief clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy to the family of deceased.

H. L. SPAULDING,  
T. C. CLARY,  
M. L. TEMPLE,  
*Committee.*

Adopted April 7th.

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**HON. HOYT SHERMAN.**

Born November 1, 1827, died January 25, 1904, aged 76 years.

Emigrated from Ohio to Iowa, 1848.

Appointed Postmaster Des Moines, Iowa, 1849.

Clerk of District Court Polk county, 1852.

Organized State Bank of Iowa, 1855.

Appointed Paymaster U. S. Army, 1861.

Member of the Eleventh General Assembly, 1866.

Organized Equitable Insurance Company, 1863.

One of the founders of Pioneer Lawmakers, 1866.

President of Board of Charities, 1898.

President of Pioneer Lawmakers, 1900.

A valuable and honored citizens all his long and useful life.

MR. SPEAKER—Your special committee, appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of Major Hoyt Sherman of Polk county, respectfully submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Hoyt Sherman, one of the pioneers of central Iowa, a gallant soldier of the War of the Rebellion, the last of a family of brothers all of whom conferred distinction upon American life, and an honored member of this body in the Eleventh General Assembly, passed away at his home in Des Moines, on Monday, January 25, 1904; and

WHEREAS, The life and character of deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, his attainments and success so conspicuous as to be an incentive to all men to be upright, pure and true, and his services to the State and Nation of such a character as to command the confidence and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the death of this patriotic citizen, soldier and legislator, this State has lost an influential and upright citizen, his family is bereft of a kind and loving father and his friends of an honored and esteemed man.

*Resolved*, That we extend to his family and to those friends nearest to him in life, whose personal sorrow is so much greater, our sincere sympa-

thy in their sorrow and affliction; and the clerk of the House is hereby instructed to transmit an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

EMORY H. ENGLISH,  
C. A. KENNEDY,  
R. C. LANGAN,

*Committee.*

Adopted April 8.

REMARKS BY MR. ENGLISH.

MR. SPEAKER—I desire at this time to pay a humble tribute to the memory of the subject of the resolutions now presented.

Hoyt Sherman was born in Lancaster, Ohio, on November 1, 1827. He departed from this life on January 25, 1904. His days on earth embraced almost four score years—permitting a witnessing of the transferring of the real seat of government from the Atlantic seaboard to the Mississippi Valley.

Those who were near to him knew him as a man of strong character, sterling integrity, earnest in his convictions, strong and forceful, yet withal, charitable. The gentle courtesy and kindly manner that were his by nature, retained for him the companionship and enjoyment of a rare circle of friends who bear in cherished memory the virtues of the deceased. Those who knew him only the last years of his long residence in the capital city of our State, can have but an inadequate conception of the high sense of personal honor and the unsullied private life and noble character of this man whose tall manly form has been a familiar one upon the streets and avenues and at the public gatherings of Des Moines for half a century.

Major Sherman was the youngest child of a family of eleven children. The father, Charles R. Sherman, emigrated from Connecticut to Lancaster, Ohio, in 1810. In 1823 the legislature of the State of Ohio elected Charles R. Sherman a judge of the supreme court. He died on the 24th of June, 1829, in the full fruition of his well-matured intellectual powers, loved, honored and lamented. I do not wish in any unseemly way to call your attention to the distinguished family of which the deceased was a member, but the Hon. Charles R. Sherman, Jr., who became one of the leading jurists of Ohio, was his brother. Gen. W. T. Sherman, who became so noted as one of our generals, and John Sherman, the Ohio statesman, were also his brothers. I simply desire to incidentally state his relationship to that distinguished family for which all Americans have a reverence and which has illumined and honored the pages of our national history. The parentage of these brothers was indeed fortunate. Surmounting obstacles, enduring hardships, triumphing over rude environments, developing thereby all that is noblest and manliest in man, a spirit of manhood, independence and liberty was handed down to a generation of capable and active children who have wrestled with life and have in honor helped in a material way to solve its most sacred and mighty problems. There is nothing more wonderful or mysterious in our present life than the effect of ancestral influence upon it, and I have often thought how little importance we give to environment in our estimate of this an-