

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.

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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-

cestral influence. We construct our genealogical trees with interest and pride. We are proud of our blood as if it were blood alone to which we are indebted, often forgetting that ancestral character as transmitted to us was built up little by little, slowly, steadily, but surely by the surroundings amid which our ancestors wrought and fought and died, so that as generation succeeded generation each took on something which it derived from nature and the struggle with nature.

In 1848, Hoyt Sherman came to Des Moines, before he was twenty-one years of age. He came to Iowa a poor, young man, full of vigor and with a determination to do his part and to make this section of our state noted for intelligence, industry and material growth. In 1849 he was appointed postmaster. In 1850 he built the first post office building that was erected in Des Moines. It was not large but it was a substantial structure as measured by the days which it served the public. It evidenced the spirit of the young man, who, in all his after life succeeded in keeping fully abreast of the times in which he lived, and equal to every demand made upon him.

In 1853 he was elected clerk of the district court, which office he filled with honor to himself and credit to those who conferred the place upon him. In 1855 he was one of the leaders in establishing a branch of the Iowa State Bank in Des Moines, and because of his natural ability to organize successfully financial affairs the bank became one of the strongest institutions of that character in the State of Iowa.

In 1861 he was appointed paymaster in the United States Army with the rank of major, by President Lincoln. This arduous and difficult position he held during the War of the Rebellion, receiving and disbursing several million dollars, and at the close of the war the Secretary of War commended him for the fidelity with which he discharged his duties.

In 1866 he was elected a member of the Eleventh General Assembly. He served in this body as chairman of the committee on Railroads, and also as a member of the committee on Ways and Means. The committee on Railroads at that early day, as now, was one of the important committees. Mr. Sherman became one of the leading members, not especially on the republican side of the House, but of the General Assembly. He was not a man given to frequent speech making, but when he addressed himself to the distinguished body of pioneers of which he was a member, he held their close and respectful attention.

In 1868 he was one of the active men that organized the Equitable Life Insurance Company, which today ranks among the strongest insurance companies of the Union. To this company Major Sherman gave almost twenty years of his earnest and active business energies.

For the past fifteen years Major Sherman had devoted his time and energies to his general business and property affairs. No man in Des Moines—I might say no man in Iowa—was more devoted to establishing the best of schools in this city and this State. He was ever active in favoring the establishing of colleges in Iowa, and being a man of means he always gave liberally to upholding of institutions of learning.

All types of men find field for activity in our growing Western cities, and it is well that it is so. Men of commanding intellect, genius, eloquence

and brilliancy are here both needed and found, but other men equally useful, and oftentimes more successful, who do not attract popular enthusiasm by reason of any unusual or striking gifts, bear the burdens of life with singular fidelity and endurance—men of strong minds and good sense, men of affairs, of great industry, and unswerving devotion to the interests of the home, the church, the State and the nation; men whose general characteristics can best be described by three grand words—sturdy, faithful and true. Hoyt Sherman was such a man. Sometimes I think I would rather it should be written upon my tombstone, "He was sturdy, faithful and true," than "He was eloquent, learned and great."

The work which his hands found to do in this life may not have been heralded in the press; it may not have been of such character as to dazzle the eyes of the young; it may not have won the plaudits and cheers of the assembled multitude; but it is nevertheless woven into the history of our capital city and our State and becomes a part of their fame and glory.

Major Sherman was a devoted member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. His love for devotional service was equal to his love of country. He never allowed business or anything else to interfere with his duty to his God. He was a great lover of devotional music and to him belongs the credit of the splendid devotional music today in St. Paul's church in Des Moines. He died as he had lived—a noble, pure-hearted, true Christian man, a devoted husband, a loyal patriot and an honored citizen.

Further words, relative to this busy, faithful life, now ended, seem superfluous except in eulogy. His monument is the work of his well spent and active life—an essential and potential part of Iowa's history; wherein may be found his real eulogy, which shall endure so long as the State itself shall endure.

Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the resolutions.

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#### HON. JOSHUA G. NEWBOLD.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions of respect to the memory of Hon. Joshua G. Newbold, late of Henry county, beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Joshua G. Newbold, an honored member of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth General Assemblies and later President of the Senate, and then having filled the honored position of Governor of our State, departed this life at his home in Mount Pleasant, Henry county, on the 10th day of June, 1903, and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to command our esteem and love, and his public services to the State and Country were of such a character as to command the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in his death his family has been bereaved of an affectionate husband and father, the community of his residence deplores the passing of a loved and honored citizen, and the State loses the services, valued counsel and exemplary life of one who was noted for patriotism and fidelity to all public interests.