

As I look back over the brief political career which it has been my privilege to enjoy, one of the beacon lights that has shown out on the sometimes turbulent political waters was the noble character of this man, and, Senators, if upon a like occasion at some future time, I might have the assurance that some Senator might stand in this body and say of me truthfully what I am pleased to say of him, that he was a good citizen, a faithful public servant, that his life had been worthy of the emulation of those who have followed after him and that the world is better because of the fact that he had lived in it, I should indeed feel that my weak service here had not been in vain.

Senator Schrup from a special committee submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of ex-Senator James Hannibal Shields of Dubuque, beg leave to submit the following report:

#### JAMES HANNIBAL SHIELDS.

James Hannibal Shields was born on his grandfather's plantation, near Bowling Green, Missouri, May 8, 1842, and died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Lawther, Jr., at Dubuque, September 30, 1914. He was a son of General John G. Shields and Elizabeth Emerson Shields. At the time of his birth, his parents were paying a visit at their old home in Bowling Green, having located in Dubuque several years before.

His father, General Shields, came to Dubuque from Kentucky in 1835 and founded the firm of Emerson & Shields, one of the best known law firms in northern Iowa. General Shields organized the troops that withstood the last Indian attack in Iowa—the Spirit Lake Massacre, in 1854. He served in the Iowa State Senate from 1848 to 1856, was also Mayor of Dubuque and took a keen interest in all public and political affairs.

The grandfather of the subject of this sketch, James Shields, came with the earliest settlers of Kentucky and was a close friend of Daniel Boone. He was associated with Boone in the early frontier battles and participated in the War of 1812.

James H. Shields was one of the leading citizens of Dubuque and on all public questions, stood for the best interest of the community. He was of a kind and congenial disposition and bore the esteem of all classes. His life and conduct shed an influence for the uplift of, and betterment of society. His allotted time on earth was well spent.

He was educated at Union College, Schenectady, New York, from which he graduated in 1862. His legal training was obtained in the law offices of ex-Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri and Honorable Benjamin M. Samuels of Dubuque. He was admitted to the bar in Dubuque County. One year after which he was elected City Attorney, serving one term, and ten years later was again elected to the same position. In 1882, he was elected District Attorney of the Tenth Judicial District and served for four years with distinction. In 1889, Mr. Shields was elected to the State Senate from the Dubuque District by the largest majority ever given any man on a local ticket. He served in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth

General Assemblies. In 1892, he was elected by the Democratic State Convention as Delegate-at-Large to the National Convention at Chicago and served as chairman of the Iowa delegation. At the convention, he managed the campaign of Governor Boies for the Presidential nomination with great credit to himself and the governor.

In August, 1892, he was nominated by the Democrats of the Third District as their candidate for congressman. He pursued a vigorous, personal campaign and, although defeated, ran ahead of his ticket.

In 1874 Mr. Shields was married to Miss Mary Tomlin of Galena, Illinois. She died in 1879. He is survived by his only daughter, Elinor. In his death, the daughter lost a kind and loving father who for years had been to her not only a father but a companion and friend. During the sunset of his life, he spent his last days in the home of the daughter, where he received all the attention that love, affection and wealth could bestow. His daughter has the consolation to accompany her through life that she did all that a loving daughter could do for the comfort and care of a kind father in the last of his life.

*Resolved*, That this resolution be spread on the Journal of this body, and that an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to his bereaved daughter, Mrs. Wm. Lawther, Jr., with the assurance of the high appreciation of the Senate, of one of the sturdy pioneers of Iowa legislation and one so worthy of honor, who was one of its members, even though in the long ago.

N. J. SCHRUP,  
E. C. PERKINS,  
ROBERT QUIGLEY,

*Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Schrup in moving the adoption of the resolutions spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS—To recount the professional, business and political career of James H. Shields, would be to recount the history of northeastern Iowa during the past fifty years.

I have the proud honor and distinction, if you please, of having been an intimate and close personal friend and business associate of the departed during the period from 1882 down to the time when he retired from the activities of life, and on account of his infirmities of advancing age, he retired to the home of his daughter. We were, I am glad to say, exceedingly close friends and I would be very glad, if time would permit, to call your attention to many very interesting incidents in his career.

He was called by his friends "The Little Giant of the Northeast," and while he was a little giant physically, he was, on the other hand, a great giant in any affair of life in which he appeared.

I will not take the time of this Senate to dwell at length on this subject, but want to allow the time to two of his close personal associates in his profession, they being lawyers from that part of the state, and can undoubtedly relate several incidents that will be of interest on this occasion. I would therefore ask that the other members of the committee