

George P. Rapson was born on March 20, 1903, the son of John and Johanna (Scheinpflug) Rapson. He had lived in Cherokee since 1935 and owned and operated Rapson Motor Company in Cherokee from 1935 until 1954. He had served on the Cherokee School Board, the Cherokee City Council, and was Cherokee Mayor from 1950 until 1958. Mr. Rapson was a past President of the Cherokee Rotary, past President of the Cherokee Chamber of Commerce, and was former Chairman of the Cherokee Industrial Corporation. In 1972, Mr. Rapson was awarded a plaque for service rendered to his community. He was a member and past master of Speculative Lodge #307 A.F. & A.M., a member of Sioux City Consistory and the Abu-Bekr Shrine Temple in Sioux City.

Mr. Rapson, a republican, served two terms in the House of Representatives from 1959-1962.

Mr. Rapson passed away on August 5, 1996 at the age of 93. Survivors include one son, George A. Rapson of Yorba Linda, California; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Seventy-Ninth General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable George P. Rapson, 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.

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.

DANIEL HUSEMAN
RALPH KLEMME
STEVE WARNSTADT

Committee

LESTER SICKELS

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Lester Sickels begs to submit the following Memorial:

Lester Sickels was born on June 27, 1909 near Grand City, Missouri. He lived most of his life in Ringgold County. He was a member of the local school boards for thirteen years before being elected to the county school board for twelve years. He belonged to the Mount Ayr Lions Club, the Odd Fellows Lodge and the Ringgold County Sheriff's Posse.

Mr. Sickels, a republican, served two terms in the House of Representatives from 1959-1962. Following his legislative service, he was appointed to a citizen's advocacy committee, which formed the fifth judicial district Correctional Board in 1979. He served on the board until 1984.

Mr. Sickels passed away on March 21, 2001 at the age of 91. He is survived by two daughters, Jeri Pomi of Fallon, Nevada and Gayle Buckner of Des Moines; a son, Dan Allen Sickels; a brother, Don Sickels of Mount Ayr; one sister, Viona Forst of Des Moines; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

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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.

CECIL DOLECHECK
EFFIE LEE BOGGESS
STEVE RICHARDSON

Committee

KEITH L. VETTER

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Keith L. Vetter begs to submit the following Memorial:

Mr. Vetter was born on June 17, 1918 in Muscatine, Iowa. He was the son of Ernest L. and Mary E. Kennedy Vetter. He married Marla Gettert in 1941. He graduated from Nichols (Iowa) High School. He owned and operated Culligan water conditioning companies in several cities. He served active duty for the Civil Air Patrol of Pascagoula, Mississippi. He served on the Republican Central Committee, as a congressional committeeman and finance chairman. He was a member of Iowans for Tax Relief, past president of WEDG, a former member of the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis Club and Masonic Lodge, board of trustees for Iowa Wesleyan College, Hawkeye Bank Board of Directors, Ambassadors Club, director and past president of YMCA, past president of Iowa & National Water Quality Conditioning Association International and a member of the Dealer Advisory Council. In 1956, he was selected as outstanding man of the year by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Vetter was a member of United Methodist Church and United Methodist Men. He was a lay leader and Sunday school superintendent and served on the mission committee, traveling to Africa in 1959 and Alaska in 1964.

Mr. Vetter, a republican, served two terms in the House of Representatives from 1963-1964 and 1967-1968.

Mr. Vetter passed away November 14, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Marla; two daughters, Joy M. Kracaw of LeClaire and Judy V. McCarthy of Washington; one sister, Venita Harned of West Liberty; one brother, Virgil Vetter of Washington; two stepsisters, Bernie Mueller of Redding, California and Dorothy Mills of Nichols; two stepbrothers, Paul Lowe of Springfield, Missouri and Bob Lowe of Letts; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.