

Leon M. Miller was born July 3, 1905, in Knoxville, Iowa, and spent his entire life in Knoxville.

He attended Iowa Wesleyan College and was a graduate of Drake University Law School. He was a member of the IOOF Lodge No. 90 of Knoxville, Oriental Lodge No. 61 AF and AM, all Masonic orders including the Za-Ga-Zig Shrine of Des Moines and the Marion County Shrine Club.

Mr. Miller served as an Iowa Senator representing Marion and Monroe Counties during the Fifty-fifth and Fifty-sixth General Assemblies, and was Iowa State Tax Commissioner from July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1961.

Mr. Miller passed away on March 31, 1974. He is survived by his wife, Esther; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Youngberg of West Des Moines and Mrs. Eleanor Ogden of Northfield, Minnesota; and five grandchildren.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Leon M. Miller, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the Senate by this resolution would express its appreciation of his services to his community, state and nation and tender its sympathy and kindest regards to the members of his family.

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

BASS VAN GILST, Chairman

EUGENE M. HILL

RICHARD R. RAMSEY

Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### CARL O. SJULIN

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Carl O. Sjulín, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Carl O. Sjulín, one of Hamburg's most influential businessmen and longtime southwest Iowa booster, died at Grape Community Hospital on Friday, March 29, 1974. The 84-year-old pioneer nurseryman had been in failing health for several months.

Co-founder and president of Inter-State Nurseries, Mr. Sjulín came to Hamburg in 1919 from Shenandoah after an active college career and tour with the Army in World War I. He was born in Shenandoah on March 3, 1890. He was graduated from Shenandoah High School and the University of Iowa. While at the University of Iowa he founded the Student Directory, owned the Daily Iowan college newspaper still published, and managed the men's and women's glee clubs. In addition, he was cadet major of the university cadet corps. He married Una Hines of Hamburg, Iowa on October 22, 1919. They had three sons, David Sterling, Carl Dudley and Richard Paul.

He founded the original Hamburg Nurseries with his brother Leslie in 1920, and went on to become a radio personality in the 1930's as he boosted

Inter-State Nurseries products over a number of midwest radio stations. His name, "Uncle Billy the Nurseryman," became a household word over a wide area.

Carl's interest turned to Republican politics shortly before World War II, when he sought and was elected to eight years in the Iowa Senate, serving from 1938 until after the war. Many still called him "Senator Sjulín."

Mr. Sjulín was a city councilman in Hamburg for many years, and was active in Methodist Church affairs until recent years, serving on the board of trustees.

Other memberships included Jerusalem Lodge 253 AF & AM, the Hamburg American Legion Post 156, the American Nurserymen's Association, and the National Mail Order Nursery Association.

Survivors include his wife, Una; three sons, Sterling and Carl of Hamburg, Paul of Shenandoah; and three grandchildren.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Carl O. Sjulín, the State of Iowa has lost a valued, loyal and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of his family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

CALVIN O. HULTMAN, Chairman

JAMES E. BRILES

JAMES F. SCHABEN

Committee

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### CHARLES S. VAN EATON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Charles S. Van Eaton, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Charles S. Van Eaton was born August 10, 1889, in Tacoma, Washington, and moved to Iowa three years later. He spent his boyhood in Iowa and western Canada.

He was graduated from Iowa Business College in Council Bluffs in 1908 and from Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa in 1911.

Mr. Van Eaton was elected to the Iowa General Assembly in 1943 and served two terms in the House of Representatives and three terms in the Senate.

He was one of the founders of the Iowa Development Commission, serving on its board of directors for eight years. He worked for and gained passage of Iowa's Revenue Bond Bill permitting cities and towns to issue revenue bonds to industries deciding to locate in the state.

Mr. Van Eaton came to be known throughout the state as "Mr. Toll Road" for his promotion in the legislature of a toll road across Iowa.