

## GEORGE WESLEY SMITH

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable George Wesley Smith, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

George Wesley Smith was born January 24, 1868, near Ashland, Ohio, and passed away February 24, 1959, at Fort Dodge, Iowa, at the age of 91 years. At the time of his death he was a resident of Friendship Haven.

He married Effie Troutman of Blairstown, on January 30, 1890. To this union, four sons were born: Clarence E., Orlo H., Jesse, and Marvin W. The couple observed their sixty-eighth wedding anniversary in January, 1958.

The Smiths farmed near Paullina until their retirement in 1920.

Mr. Smith was elected state representative from O'Brien county in the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, and Forty-third sessions of the General Assembly.

He served as mayor of Paullina, was a member of the Paullina school board, belonged to Fulton lodge, was a thirty-second degree Mason, and was an active member and trustee of the Paullina Methodist church.

Mr. Smith's wife preceded him in death by less than four months, having passed away November 5, 1958. One son, Jesse, passed away in 1918.

Surviving him are three sons: Clarence E. and Orlo H. of Estherville, and Marvin W. of Paullina; fourteen grandchildren and forty-five great-grandchildren.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable George Wesley Smith the people of O'Brien county and the entire state of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its appreciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

*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.

ELMER H. DEN HERDER,  
J. HENRY LUCKEN,  
ARTHUR C. HANSON,  
*Committee.*

## ISRAEL ALEXANDER SMITH

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Israel Alexander Smith, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Israel Alexander Smith, who lost his life in an automobile accident on June 14, 1958, was a quiet, dignified gentleman, and at his death was spiritual leader and administrative head of the Reorganized Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, with World Headquarters in Independence, Missouri.

The statistical facts of his life show him living a busy and broad life.

He was born at Plano, Illinois, on February 2, 1876, the son of Joseph Smith III. At the age of five he moved with his family to Lamoni, Iowa. There he attended the public schools and was graduated from the Lamoni high school in 1895. He was enrolled in the first class at Graceland College.

Israel Alexander Smith was married on March 14, 1908, to Nina Grenawalt, who preceded him in death. They had two sons, Joseph Perrine, born in 1912, and who died in March, 1936; and Donald Carlos, born in 1916.

His public and political life was full. He was admitted to the Iowa bar in 1912; to the Missouri Bar in 1913, and held memberships in the Independence, Missouri, Bar Association, Missouri Bar Association, and American Bar Association. He served Decatur county one term as a member of the Iowa House of Representatives from 1911 to 1913 in the Thirty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa. In 1942 he was elected President of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers Association and served several years in that capacity. In 1948 he was appointed a member of the Missouri Constitutional Convention, which gave the state of Missouri a new constitution in 1944, and was made chairman of its committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Federal Relations.

He was a member of the American War Dads; Trustee of Jackson County, Missouri, Tuberculosis Society; Jackson County Red Cross Chapter; and Missouri Historical Society. He gave much time to his work as President of the Board of Trustees of the Independence, Missouri, Sanitarium and Hospital.

He started his spiritual development early in life. He was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for seventy-two years. His church work included: associate editor of the church paper, *The Saint's Herald*, 1908 to 1914; served as counselor to the presiding bishop from 1920 to 1925; a member of the general church standing high council from 1922 to 1942; general church secretary 1930 to 1940; and counselor in the first presidency 1940 to 1946. In 1946 he was ordained prophet, seer, revelator, and president of the church. Under his spiritual and administrative leadership the church expanded in the achievement of its goals and objectives.

He was a kind and intellectual leader, and a noble Christian gentleman, who was wholeheartedly devoted to the cause of liberty, justice, and freedom. He stood for integrity and right, and the influence of this man was felt throughout many nations of the world.

He will long be remembered and cherished for the enduring qualities he developed in the eighty-two years of his life as a good and humble citizen, with many human interests, yet a great church and civic leader, with high ethical standards and practical achievements.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Israel Alexander Smith the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its sympathy to his son and the members of his family.

*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

enrolled copies to the family of the deceased, to the World Headquarters of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and to the Lamoni Congregation of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

FRANKLIN S. MAIN,  
REED CASEY,  
STANLEY WATTS,

*Committee.*

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#### HARLEY H. SORG

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Harley H. Sorg, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Harley H. Sorg was born in Fayette county, December 26, 1882, and passed away February 27, 1958, at the age of 76 years.

He attended rural school until he entered high school at Hawkeye, where he graduated, and after graduation he served for two years as an apprentice in pharmacy. He graduated from Highland Park School of Pharmacy in Des Moines, and engaged in the practice of pharmacy for many years.

He was married in 1908 to Clara B. Bopp, and to this union two sons, Nathan F. and Robert C., were born.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly of Iowa:* That in the passing of the Honorable Harley H. Sorg 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, and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

*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.

CLARENCE CHRISTOPHEL,  
FLOYD P. EDGINGTON,  
CHARLES E. GRASSLEY,

*Committee.*

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#### OSCAR C. SORLIEN

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Oscar C. Sorlien, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Oscar C. Sorlien was born October 15, 1890, at Bode, Iowa, and was the son of John and Bertha Sorlien.

He attended Bode Academy and Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. On May 26, 1915, at Decorah, he was married to Lottie Alstad.

Mr. Sorlien entered the banking business in Bode, Iowa, and while living in Humboldt county served as a Republican Representative for that county in the Thirty-eighth General Assembly.