

"While Senator Smith was prepared to live in enjoyment and usefulness, he was by no means unprepared for life's greatest adventure, even unrelenting death itself. He had not neglected to apply mind and heart to the problems of eternity. All the years of his life, he had lived in faith believing and in death, he was soothed and sustained by an unfaltering trust in the sublime promises of revealed religion. The living mourn their loss, not his. He fought a good fight and kept the faith. He achieved largely and honorably in affairs material. He made distinct impression upon a generation of important history and experience. He leaves seven children worthy of their sterling parentage. There is bereavement deep and abiding in the shadow of this decree of destiny but those who mourn are substantially sustained by memories precious and practical. More and more, will they realize how very much of a man was the Honorable Jas. A. Smith."

United States Senator A. B. Cummins said of him:

"I feel so keenly the loss of a dear personal friend that it is with great difficulty I bring myself to give an estimate of his worth as a republican. I have known him for thirty years and, during much of the time, intimately. Above anything else, he was a man of perfect courage and there are not many of them. What he believed to be right, he would say and do, no matter what the consequences might be. He was high-minded and unselfish and his first concern was always for his country, his state, his family, and his friends. He was strong and influential because, when he believed in a cause, he fought for it with unrelenting zeal. His place will not easily be filled in either the industrial, political, or social life of the state."

Thus it is, one by one they are called, some in infancy, some in old age, and others in their prime, or just when, from broad and versatile experience, high and noble natures, they are most useful to their fellow men, their state and nation. At just such a time, was the life of James Albert Smith suddenly terminated. He was in a position to give strong advice concerning matters of highest importance in the state and no other man in the state was better read nor more fully informed on national problems than was this State Senator. If he had sought higher office within or without the state, he would have honored the office, be it that of Governor or Congressman, and his constituents would have been made proud. His family mourn his departure, the community sadly miss his genial nature and wise counsel, and the state of Iowa has lost one of its biggest men.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk transmit an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

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