

law of domestic relations and taxation in the Iowa State University and a lecturer on the law of corporations in the Iowa College of Law in Des Moines. He has been a democrat ever since I knew him, and he was a man of honest convictions, a man of extraordinary ability, a man had he been of the majority political faith I sincerely believe he would have held the highest position within the gift of the people of Iowa, and I even believe that had he lived, and been an adherent of the republican faith he might have been called upon to fill the highest position within the gift of the people of the United States. In his demise the state has lost a true servant, a servant that was ever conscientiously looking to the best welfare, physically and morally of the unfortunate wards under his charge, and we can never hope to repay the debt of gratitude that the state owes him.

His family has lost a devoted husband and a kind father, and the world is better for him having lived in it. And so after a useful life he has gone to his reward, to the other shore, from which no traveler has returned, we know not whether death is the end of life, or whether it is the door into everlasting life, where sorrow shall be no more, but everlasting bliss and joy and happiness shall reign supreme. We hope it may be so, and I am sure, that if there is a hereafter Judge Kinne will surely enter the Kingdom of Heaven, where the angels will meet him, with the joyful greeting, well done thou true and faithful servant, thou has surely earned the reward of everlasting bliss.

May his ashes rest in peace.

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**HON. HENRY P. SMYTHE.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee appointed to draw and present resolutions, relative to the death of Hon. P. Henry Smythe of Burlington, Iowa beg leave to submit the following:

**WHEREAS,** Death has removed from among us Hon. P. Henry Smythe, late of Des Moines county, Iowa, an honored, active and useful member of the Twenty-fourth General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS,** During his long residence in Iowa he was one of the most distinguished lawyers in the state, a fearless, impartial and able Judge, of rare judicial capacity, a useful and honored citizen of unquestioned integrity and unrightness and a legislator whose sole thought was the preservation of the rights of the people; Therefore, be it

*Resolved,* That in his death the state has lost one of its most honored and valued citizen; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we extend to the family and friends our hearty sympathy for them in their loss and our sincere sorrow for his demise; and be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and the chief clerk be directed to send an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of deceased.

HENRY RITTER,  
E. L. McCLURKIN,  
WM. CARDEN,  
Committee.

#### REMARKS BY MR. RITTER.

P. Henry Smythe of Burlington was one of the adopted sons of this state who has won honor for himself and made the world better for having lived in it. Born at Cedarville near the town of Abnigton, Washington county, Virginia, March 10, 1829 his early education was obtained in the rural schools of his district under circumstances that would have discouraged one of less determination. Naturally of a strong ambitious nature he prosecuted his studies while laboring on the farm until he arrived at the age of eighteen. Then he left his home and went out in the world single handed and alone to make his future. He began the study of law, working at a trade to earn enough money for his support. He succeeded in being admitted to the bar in 1855 when he located in Cleveland, Ohio. After remaining there two years he moved still further west, across the Father of Waters and located in Burlington. Here his life's work began and here for almost half a century he made his home. He engaged in his profession and followed it with marked success, attaining an eminence that has only been equaled by a few of the eminent men of our state.

He was ardently attached to the profession of law and to it he devoted a life of energy and work. Naturally of a social and genial disposition he found his greatest happiness with his family and in the church and with them he devoted his spare time, never taking part or belonging to societies or clubs. He was a man respected and honored by all, but too busy to indulge in party politics. A Democrat in principle but, by no means a partisan. He was appointed by Governor C. C. Carpenter to the bench to fill a vacancy but resigned after a few months service to resume his profession which, was much more pleasant to him. During the years Mr. Smythe had lived in Iowa he had raised a family and in 1880 his son having completed a law course he formed a partnership with him. Judge Smythe by his ability, his integrity and his manly worth carved for himself a professional standing that placed him at the head of the legal profession in the state for many years.

In 1891, Judge Smythe was elected to the state legislature from Des Moines county and represented his constituency in the lower house for one session. In the capacity of a lawmaker he discharged his duty with that characteristic firmness and independence that won for him the respect and admiration of all. In all the walks of life,