

*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,

whether as lawyer, jurist or statesman, he by honesty, integrity and application won his way to an eminence that will live long in the memory of the people of Iowa.

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**HON. C. C. VANDERPOOL.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee appointed to draft resolutions relative to the life and public services of the Hon. C. C. Vanderpool, respectfully submit the following report:

**WHEREAS,** The Hon. C. C. Vanderpool, an honored member of this House in the Twentieth General Assembly, a gallant soldier of the Civil War and a most highly respected citizen in the county in which he resided, passed from his earthly labors at his home in Mitchell, Iowa, on the 9th day of January, 1906; and

**WHEREAS,** The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle him to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, and his services to the state and nation of such a character as to commend the confidence and gratitude of his fellow citizens; therefor be it

*Resolved,* That in the death of this citizen, soldier and legislator, this state has lost an upright citizen; his family is bereft of a kind and loving husband and father and his friends, an honored and esteemed man.

*Resolved,* That we extend to his family, whose sorrows are so great, our sympathy in their sad affliction, and be it further

*Resolved,* That these resolutions be printed in the Journal and the chief clerk directed to transmit an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

T. H. HUME,  
H. L. SPAULDING,  
PHILIP HELES,

*Committee.*

Adopted.

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**HON. ROBERT E. BENTON.**

**MR. SPEAKER:** Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life and public services of the Hon. Robert E. Benton of Louisa county, Iowa, respectfully submit the following report:

**WHEREAS,** The Hon. Robert E. Benton, an honored member of this House in the Sixteenth General Assembly, departed this life on the 20th day of May, 1905, at Morning Sun, Iowa, and,