

Memorial to the Honorable Daniel Clarence Steelsmith of Osceola County

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Daniel Clarence Steelsmith, begs leave to report the following memorial:

Dr. Steelsmith was born June 11, 1877, in Conrad, Iowa. He died March 12, 1950, at the age of 72.

When he was five years old he moved with his parents to Arcadia, Ohio, where they resided until he was thirteen years of age. He was graduated from the State University of Iowa in 1902, where he received his medical degree. After graduation he went to Melvin where he practiced medicine for fourteen years. He served seven years as councilman and two terms as mayor.

On June 29, 1904, Dr. Steelsmith was married to Maude Rolston, and to this union were born three children. Mrs. Steelsmith and two daughters, Mrs. Lola Crum of Des Moines and Mrs. Marjorie Jobe of Pasadena, California, survive him.

In 1913 Dr. Steelsmith was elected to represent Osceola County in the House of Representatives, and again elected in 1915 to serve as Representative. He served in the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies.

Dr. Steelsmith studied public health at Harvard University where, in 1947, he was awarded the honorary degree of master of health.

In August, 1930, he was appointed head of the state health department. Prior to that he served as deputy commissioner. Just prior to joining the state health department, he was health commissioner at Dubuque, Iowa.

From 1935 to 1945 Dr. Steelsmith was county health commissioner in South Boston, Virginia. He retired from public health work in 1945.

Dr. Steelsmith was a man of pleasing personality, took an active interest in all things that were for the betterment of his community and all Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Daniel Clarence Steelsmith the state has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House would tender, by this resolution, its sincere sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow.

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.

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Committee