

Minnesota and Mount Morris College, Mount Morris, Illinois. He spent eight years as a credit investigator on the Pacific coast, and then was engaged as an oil jobber and merchant at Winterset, Iowa. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, I.O.O.F., Petroleum Marketeers of Iowa, Madison County Historical Society and Lions Club.

A Republican, Mr. Smith represented Madison County during the Fifty-second General Assembly.

Virgil E. Smith died on November 13, 1993. He was preceded by his parents, J.A. and Sarah Smith; his wife, Laurine; two brothers, and one sister. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-sixth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Virgil E. Smith, 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.*

*Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of the 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.*

DWIGHT DINKLA  
DAVID G. LORD  
JACK DRAKE  
Committee

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VINCENT B. STEFFEN

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Vincent B. Steffen, begs leave to submit the following Memorial:

Vincent B. Steffen was born April 28, 1928, in Dunkerton, Iowa. In 1966, he married Betty Rattay of Chicago, Illinois, they had two sons.

Mr. Steffen was a graduate of Dunkerton Public High School in Dunkerton, and served two years as a member of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He founded and served as the President of Harvestall Industries and Pallet Industries of New Hampton. He also has thirteen patents to his name. In 1964, the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce recognized Mr. Steffen as one of the nation's outstanding young men. Mr. Steffen was a member of numerous civic and social organizations. He was also a member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers, the Iowa Development Commission, the Center for Industrial Research & Service (CIRAS), Rotary, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters and St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

A Democrat, Mr. Steffen represented Chickasaw County during the Sixtieth, Sixtieth Extra, Sixty-first and Sixty-second General Assemblies. He served as Speaker of the House during the Sixty-first General Assembly.

Vincent B. Steffen died July 10, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two sons, Mark and Peter Steffen, both of New Hampton; two sisters, Marie and Eleanor Steffen, both of Dubuque; and seven brothers, Richard and Alfred of Dunkerton, Norbert and Sylvester of New Hampton, Arnold of Papua, New Guinea, Cletus of Waterloo, and Ralph of Chicago, Illinois.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-sixth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Vincent B. Steffen, 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.*

*Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of the 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.*

KEITH WEIGEL  
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MINNETTE DODERER  
Committee

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SEMOR C. TOFTE

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Semor C. Tofte, begs leave to submit the following Memorial:

Semor C. Tofte was born August 30, 1911, in Tofte, Minnesota. In 1935, he married Pearl Enga, they had two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Tofte was a graduate of Grand Marais High School in Grand Marais, Minnesota and Carleton College in Northfield Minnesota. He coached for one year at Pillsbury Academy in Owatonna, Minnesota. In 1937, he moved to Decorah, Iowa, where he was co-owner and manager of the John Deere franchise for twenty-five years and Zone Manager for Investors Diversified Services for four years. Mr. Tofte was a member of numerous social and civic organizations. He was a past President of the Decorah Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club; and a member of First Lutheran Church, P.E.R. and Secretary of B.P.O.E. 443, Decorah.

A Republican, Mr. Tofte represented Winneshiek County during the Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-seventh Extra, Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, Sixty-ninth Extra, Sixty-ninth Second Extra, and Seventieth General Assemblies.

Semor C. Tofte died November 21, 1994. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; two daughters, Rosemary Hallquist of Phoenix, Arizona and Helen Mendahl of Rochester, Minnesota; two sons, David Tofte of Mankato, Minnesota and Thomas Tofte of Ridgeway, Iowa; two brothers, Hubert of Peoria, Arizona and Roy of San Antonio, Texas; fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.