

ton county, which office he held for three consecutive terms. Upon his taking office the family retired from the farm and moved to a home he had purchased in Webster City. Later, Mr. Sterling was elected to the Iowa Legislature and served as a member of the House in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly. After retiring from business he served as Justice of the Peace for eight years.

In politics he was a Republican and he was an active member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Sterling was quiet in manner, yet sincere and honest in his convictions and he was looked upon by his host of friends and acquaintances as a man deserving confidence and one who always stood ready to give of his best and untiring service to his community, to his county, and to the state.

Mrs. Sterling passed away May 8, 1936, after which time Mr. Sterling made his home with his children. Although past seventy-six years of age he continued to enjoy fairly good health and was active in going about among his friends. He always maintained an interest in and was much concerned in world affairs; and only about an hour before his death he listened to a news broadcast and later discussed the affairs of the day with a daughter with whom he was residing at the time. He then retired for the night and shortly afterward he was found to have suffered a stroke from which he could not survive. He passed away May 12, 1939.

He leaves to mourn his loss, two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Chapin, of Bloomington, Illinois, and Mrs. F. M. Thompson of Paxton, Illinois; four daughters, Mrs. Luale Brock and Miss Rachel Sterling of Spencer, Iowa; Mrs. M. F. McKee of Webster City, Iowa, and Mrs. Perry Parker of Peoria, Illinois; and two sons, Sam Sterling of Bloomington, Illinois and Dr. L. P. Sterling of Zearing, Iowa, besides a host of admiring friends in his home community and many acquaintances in the state at large.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Honorable John C. Sterling, the state has lost a valued and honored citizen and the House, by this resolution, tenders its sympathy to the members of his family in their 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.

JOHN S. HEFFNER,
C. A. BRYSON,
ALBERT STEINBERG,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE PETER STILLMUNKES

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorative of the life, character, and public services of the late Honorable Peter Stillmunkes, of Dubuque county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Mr. Stillmunkes was born in Westphalen, Germany, on January 7, 1844. At the age of two years he emigrated to this country with his parents. In June, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Wieland, who died in 1907. Ten children were born to this union. On September 11, 1931, he was married to Miss Cecile Schmitt.

He was a man of sterling qualities, the possessor of many friends and he was always active in the affairs of his community, being secretary of the Independent School Board of Jefferson township for 67 years. In addition to his active interest in civic affairs he was prominent in banking circles throughout the state, being connected with various financial institutions.

Also, he was during his lifetime and at the time of his death a member of St. Peters and Pauls Catholic Church at Sherrills Mound, Dubuque county, Iowa. His death occurred on October 20, 1940, and he is survived by his wife and following children: Mrs. Mary Link, Big Lake, Minn.; Mrs. Charles (Louise) Link, Waukon, Iowa; John Stillmunkes, Dubuque, Iowa; Joseph Stillmunkes, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Dr. William B. Stillmunkes, St. Louis, Missouri; and Mrs. George (Laura) Brown, Los Angeles, California. Preceding him in death were three sons, Frank, Paul and George, his first wife, and one daughter, Mrs. John (Kate) Conrad.

Mr. Stillmunkes, a life-long member of the Democratic party, was elected as Representative in the lower House, serving two terms during the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth sessions of the General Assembly.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-ninth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Peter Stillmunkes the state of Iowa has lost a valued and honored citizen, and the House belatedly tenders its sympathies to the surviving members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House and that the Chief Clerk be instructed to send an enrolled copy to his surviving family.

J. W. MANLEY,
ROBERT C. REILLY,
F. E. SHARP,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted, April 3, 1941.

HONORABLE REYBURN L. RUTLEDGE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare appropriate resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public service of the Honorable Reyburn L. Rutledge begs leave to submit the following:

Reyburn L. Rutledge was born in Webster county, Iowa, June 29, 1888, and died August 26, 1939. Mr. Rutledge spent his entire life in Webster county, actively identified with every phase of community life.

He attended and graduated from the Fort Dodge public schools. In a judging contest at the 1908 state fair he received a scholarship to Iowa