

of the deceased and an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to his family.

CHAS. D. BOOTH,  
W. S. BAIRD,  
J. N. LANGFITT,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Booth spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE: James E. Bruce belonged to those hardy pioneers who developed this state. He was born in Poweshiek county but his active life was in the western part of the state. His boyhood days were during the times of the Indian, the covered wagon, the wild flowers in bloom, and of the ox team.

He stood for a fine type of manhood, sturdy and virile. His father having died early, it was his lot to make his own way, which he did very successfully.

I knew him but slightly because the time he was in the Senate was before there were very many automobiles but I remember of his being in Harlan a few times. I do know that he was an outstanding citizen.

The land he loved is the land of western slopes and the land which the Indians vacated last, but he, like the prairie schooner, has "gone west," below the horizon of the setting sun. His record is complete. His work is done. May he rest in peace.

Senator Bissell spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS: I wish to add a few words in regard to the life of Senator Bruce. He came as a young man to practice law in the county in which I was born, and I was one among the many young men who received benefit and help from him.

Words cannot express the worthiness of Senator Bruce's life.

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#### WILLARD C. STUCKSLAGER

The Senate has learned with deep regret of the death of Honorable Willard C. Stuckslager which occurred suddenly and without warning February 23, 1931, while visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lanning MacFarland, in Winnetka, Cook county, Illinois. He was born at Lisbon, Iowa, October 24, 1869, the only son of Harrison Stuckslager and Mary Goldren Stuckslager, Iowa pioneers, his death occurring in the sixty-second year of his age.

Mr. Stuckslager at the time of his death was a member of the state board of education. He had served on this board since his first appointment by Governor Clarke in 1915 and was reappointed in 1929 for a six-year term. He was vice president of the board and chairman of its faculty committee.

Since young manhood Mr. Stuckslager had been a prominent figure in the political, business, civic, and educational life of the state. He was one of Iowa's best known and most successful bankers. For many years he was a trustee, executive officer, and treasurer of Cornell College, and

to its upbuilding and success he contributed freely of his time and means as he did to many other worthy institutions and projects.

Mr. Stuckslager entered politics in 1899 and served with distinction in the House of Representatives in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assemblies. In 1903 he was elected Senator and served in the Senate in the Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second, Thirty-second extra, Thirty-third, and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies, his legislative service therefore lasting for thirteen years. During most of his service in the Senate he was chairman of the Senate committee on appropriations. He was a most useful member, and at all times won not only the respect of his colleagues but their affection as well.

Mr. Stuckslager lived an increasingly useful life from maturity until the date of his death. He was one of the most influential men in his community and county, always exercising that influence for the good of the public and the state. He was especially noticeable for his unselfishness in all good work and his firm and uncompromising stand for the right on all social, moral, and religious questions. At all times he had the courage of his convictions and stood by them steadfastly. He was always loyal to his friends, and was a cheerful, wise, and far-seeing counsellor and leader.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved,* That the Senate takes this occasion to present this tribute to the memory of a faithful public servant and to express appreciation of his character and public service, and at the same time to extend most sincere sympathy to his widow and relatives.

And the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to enter these resolutions upon the Journal of the Senate, and to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

C. F. CLARK,  
C. L. RIGBY,  
B. M. STODDARD,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Rigby spoke as follows:

**MR. PRESIDENT AND SENATORS:** I have known Willard C. Stuckslager since boyhood. I went to school with him at Mt. Vernon. After his college days he entered his father's bank at Lisbon and I have known him in a business way ever since. He was a member of the board of Cornell College, located at Mt. Vernon, Iowa. He was always loyal to his friends. I never knew anyone who would go farther than Mr. Stuckslager, if anyone was only half-way fair with him.

He had a state-wide acquaintance, though he always lived in a small town, but he never lost touch with the common folk. He was an intensely religious man, being the chief supporter of the little church in the town in which he lived. He was generous with the use of his money and gave both his time and strength to every good cause. He was an outstanding and leading man in his community and in the eastern part of Iowa.

The state of Iowa has lost a great man in the death of Senator Stuckslager and I have lost one of my best friends.