

HON. L. F. SUMMERS.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions of respect to the life, character, and public service of the late Hon. L. F. Summers, a member of the House of the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies beg leave to report the following:

The subject of this sketch was born in Scotland county, Missouri, August 17, 1849, and was the son of David and Alice Summers, who resided for many years near Memphis, Missouri. He received his primary education in the public schools of Memphis after which he pursued a course in Memphis college. His inclinations tended toward a professional life and he chose the profession of medicine for his life work and graduated with honors from the Keokuk Medical college in the class of 1876.

After his graduation he located at Milton, Iowa, for the pursuance of his profession and for thirty-five years was engaged in active practice, where he labored conscientiously and incessantly. He was also engaged in mercantile business, conducting a drug store for years in his home town and also was interested in agricultural pursuits, owning several farms in the immediate vicinity.

On the seventh of March, 1876, he was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Bell of Delphos, Ohio. To this union was born four children, Mrs. Mabel Folker, Mrs. Jessie Harbin, Mrs. Etta Catherine Short and Lloyd Summers, all of whom were present at their father's bedside during his last illness, administering such assistance as loving hands could render.

He represented Van Buren county in the Thirtieth and Thirty-first General Assemblies and without seeking distinction as a legislator or political leader he discharged the duties of the office with honesty and fidelity to his constituents and the public, and was at all times and under all circumstances an honest, sincere and faithful public servant.

He introduced a bill for the building of a sanitarium for tuberculosis victims and as a result there has been created at Oakdale, a sanitarium for the treatment and cure of consumptives, which will be a lasting monument to the memory of our lamented statesman.

In his early boyhood he united with the Methodist Episcopal church and always lived an active Christian life, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Resolved, That as his life and character command our respect and esteem we extend his relatives and friends our sympathy in their sorrow, and that this memorial be entered upon the Journal of the House, and an engrossed copy be presented to the bereaved family of the deceased.

S. H. BAUMAN,
FRANK SHANE,
I. T. DABNEY,

Committee.

Adopted.