

editor of the Times Delphic where he wrote primarily sports articles and also wrote for the Des Moines Register and Tribune.

In 1940 he became owner and publisher of the Bayard News and Bagley Gazette. On October 6, 1946, he married Mary Louise Moulton in Stuart. He received many state and national awards and honors. He was a recipient of the Iowa Master Editor Publisher Award and was nationally recognized with the Amos Award given to the person considered to have done the most for the newspaper industry and his own community.

Mr. Robinson served as mayor of Bayard for 24 years. He served as president of the Iowa League of Municipalities, was active in the Democratic Party, serving as county chair, district committeeman, and delegate at-large to three national conventions. He served on the Iowa Civil Rights Commission and the board of Friends of Public Television. He was the first recipient of the Easter Seals of America award to honor the disabled person in America who had provided outstanding service to his government and community.

Mr. Robinson was a 48 year Lions Club member and organized the Bayard Senior Citizens Housing Corporation that built several low income complexes and a community center, and was involved in the establishment of the nursing home.

A Democrat, Mr. Robinson was a member of the 61st General Assembly.

Kenneth A. Robinson passed away on April 30, 2004, at the age of 89.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-First General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Kenneth A. Robinson, 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 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.

CLEL BAUDLER
RALPH WATTS
DONOVAN OLSON
Committee

GEORGE R. SWEARINGEN

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable George R. Swearingen begs to submit the following Memorial:

George R. Swearingen was born January 8, 1923, in Winfield to George and Priscilla (Bretz) Swearingen. He graduated from Winfield High School and received his B.S. from Iowa State University, where he was a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. On June 18, 1949, George married Marian Smith in Maywood, Illinois.

George taught Vocational Agriculture at Sigourney Community Schools for 27 years, retiring in 1976.

He was a member of the Sigourney United Methodist Church, 50 year member of Webb Lodge #182 A.F. & A.M., where he was Past Master, 50 year member of Aspasia Chapter #198 O.E.S., where he was Past Patron, Kaaba-Shrine, Consistory and an honorary member of Alpha Zeta.

A Republican, George R. Swearingen was a member of the 68th, 69th, 69thX, 69thXX, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 72ndX, and 72ndXX General Assemblies.

George R. Swearingen passed away on February 3, 2005, at the age of 82.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-First General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable George R. Swearingen, 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 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.

BETTY DE BOEF
DANNY CARROLL
JOHN WHITAKER
Committee

RUSSELL L. WYCKOFF

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Russell L. Wyckoff begs to submit the following Memorial:

Russell L. Wyckoff was born March 2, 1925, on the family farm West of Urbana, the son of Charley and Neva (Rouse) Wyckoff. He attended the Urbana Schools and graduated with the class of 1942. Following graduation, "Dutch" enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed with the 87th Infantry Division, Company L, and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge. He received an honorable discharge at the rank of Staff Sergeant in 1945.

On September 1, 1946, he was united in marriage to Margie Ploeger at the German Reform Church in rural Schaller, Iowa. Dutch was a lifelong farmer and owned his own plumbing and heating business in Urbana during the 1950's. He served one term as a Benton County Supervisor.

Mr. Wyckoff was a member of the school board, Benton County Farm Bureau, National and County Historical Society, National Rifle Association, Life Member of the Iowa Trapshooting Association, American Legion, Lions, and Izaak Walton League.

A Democrat, Mr. Wyckoff was a member of the 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, and 67thX General Assemblies.