

his Maker and his fellowmen; that our part of the universe is certainly better because he lived and mingled with us for so many years. His memory will always be fondly cherished by us, and by all who had the privilege of knowing him intimately”.

Joseph Henry Sweney died on November 11th, 1917, having lived more than the allotted years of man. His had been a life of usefulness and he died esteemed most by those who knew him best. He had been a faithful servant in private and public capacities. This is the most substantial encomium and praise that can be given to any man and constitutes the success most to be desired in the life of a human being. By his demise the community in which he lived so long feels the loss of one of natures noble men, a most worthy man and neighbor and the state mourns the loss of one of its prominent and influential citizens.

*Therefore, Bt It Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with deep sorrow and regret of his death and that it recognizes the high character of his service to this state, and in his death the state has lost a worthy, distinguished and noble citizens and

*Be It Resolved*, That this Senate extend to his family its sincere sympathy in their great bereavement, and,

*Bt It Further Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered upon the Senate journal and a copy sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

T. A. KINGLAND,

J. D. BUSER,

B. J. HORCHEM.

*Committee.*

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Kingland spoke in part as follows:

It was not my privilege, Senators, to be personally acquainted with Senator Sweney; I perhaps had met him and that is about all. He was rather to be classed among the pioneer lawmakers of this state. He was one of the sturdy pioneers who came to this state when it was young and it seems to me it is a tribute to a man to say that he lived in the same community for sixty-three years and had a large part in the development of that community and in the history of the state. It always appeals to me that the unassuming man who rounds out a career as has been recited that Colonel Sweney did, has been an eminent success. He not only held office in the state, but he was a member of the Fifty-first Congress, and in all these positions, I have not heard but what he filled them all to the satisfaction of his constituents.

Now I doubt not that the older men of the state, especially those who had a part in public affairs, could add a great deal to what has been recited in these resolutions. I only want to say that it is my personal satisfaction to have heard nothing but good said of the subject of these resolutions, and it can be truthfully said from the positions he occupied and his reputation as a man and as a legislator that this state has lost one of its most prominent citizens. I doubt whether the Senator from Clayton was personally acquainted with Senator Sweney, but if so, I will yield the floor to him.

Senator Newberry said in part:

I desire to say regarding Senator Sweney that he was a good presiding officer, a good lawyer. I happened to be in the convention when he was nominated to Congress. It was a very hot contest. There were three candidates. Colonel Sweney was selected by one-sixteenth of one vote. He served a term in Congress. He was a very capable man and when he came back, I think, being a man of considerable means, did not engage in his practice in law at Osage to any great extent.

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JOHN C. VOORHEES.

Senator Nelson, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions to commemorate the life, character and public services of the Honorable John Crammer Voorhees, late of Anita, Cass County, Iowa, and a former member of the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

John Crammer Voorhees was born at White House, New Jersey, May 18, 1865, and died at his home at Anita, Iowa, on November 21st, 1918, at the age of fifty-three. He lived at White House, New Jersey, until sixteen years of age and removed to Anita, Iowa, where he has resided until his death. He was a member of the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh General Assemblies.

Besides being a banker he was engaged extensively in farming, operating two large farms near Anita. He was also interested in oil lands in Oklahoma; and had extensive land interest in different parts of the United States. As a business man he made a wonderful success, being reputed the richest man in Cass County. When Mr. Voorhees came to Iowa he had nothing, and went to work and took a great deal of interest in his hardware, implement and furniture business and built up one of the largest businesses of this kind in southwestern Iowa.

On October 1st, 1884, in Atlantic, Iowa, he was united in marriage to Miss Ottumwa E. Gaylord, the Rev. E. S. Hill performing the ceremony. Mrs. Voorhees passed from this world only a few months preceding her husband. They left one son, Leon Voorhees, surviving.

Mr. Voorhees was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Masons, the Elks of Atlantic, and the Chapter and Commandery of Masons in Atlantic. In 1914 he was elected to the state Senate from the Cass-Shelby district. His career in politics was a success. One of his strongest characteristics was his happy, sunny disposition.

*Therefore Be It Resolved,* That in his death, the state of Iowa and the nation lost a worthy and upright citizen, an honest able and fearless man and an advocate of all things for the betterment of his country and state, and we hereby extend to the bereaved family and friends, our sincere sympathy, and