

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the House, and that the chief clerk be instructed to send a copy of same to the family of deceased.

J. D. SHAFFER,
WILLIAM S. HAET,
A. JACOBSON,

REMARKS BY MR. SHAFFER.

On the morning of May 17, 1904, the inhabitants of Fayette, Iowa, were saddened by the news that one of its most respected and honored citizens, William Taylor, had gone to his reward. Many realize the irreparable loss to the community, the school and the church.

William Taylor was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 22, 1831. Eliza Gilchrist Taylor, his mother, was of Scotch descent; his father, James Taylor, a native of Maryland, was of English ancestry. When William was a lad of four years of age, the family moved from Ohio to Indiana, where he grew to manhood.

On June 10, 1854, he was married to Miss Harriet Walker, who has been a very devoted and helpful wife.

In 1857, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor with one child came to Fayette county, and settled on a farm in Harlan township, which farm he developed until it became one of the model farms of that section.

In 1890, in order to enjoy the advantages of a college town, they moved to Fayette, the site of the Upper Iowa University, where he resided until his death. When his sun was but little past its meridian the call came and;

“Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams,”

he passed away.

Though William Taylor led an active and strenuous life, yet he was never too busy to take an active interest in public affairs; he was identified with every enterprise for the benefit of his fellow citizens, and was especially interested in the welfare of the agricultural classes. Many were the positions of public trust and confidence which he ably filled. He served several times as township trustee, and as county supervisor. In 1832, he was elected to the State Legislature, where he distinguished himself for his good common sense and sound judgment.

Though he had but meagre advantages for an education, he fully appreciated its benefits and was a firm advocate of higher education. For thirty-nine years he was an honored member of the Board of Trustees of Upper Iowa University; to this institution he cheerfully devoted both time and money.

His whole life was one of high ideals and noble purposes. In his home he was a kind and loving husband and father; in his business relations he was kind, upright, and just; in political life he never sought honors for himself but worked and labored for the betterment of humanity, and the world was better for his having lived. For over fifty years he was a faithful, earnest, and efficient worker in all departments of church work. It seems impossible to place too high an estimate upon the character of this noble man.

HON. W. J. LANEY

MR. SPEAKERS Your committee appointed to draft resolutions(of respect to the memory of Hon. W. J. Laney, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. W. J. Lancy, an honored member of the Seventh General Assembly from Decatur County, an honored and respected citizen in the community in which he lived, departed this life May 4th, 1905, at his home in Davis City, Iowa. He was born April 15, 1830, in Columbiana county, Ohio; came to Iowa in 1851. He represented Decatur County in the first legislature under the new Constitution, which convened in Des Moines.

Resolved, that in his death the State has lost a patriotic, worthy citizen, the community in which he lived an upright and respected man, his family a kind and loving father, and all who knew him, a generous and unselfish friend. That we extend to the family our earnest and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, that this resolution be printed in the Journal of the House, and that the chief clerk transmit an engrossed copy of the same to the family of the deceased.

E. J. SANKEY,

WM. COBB,

M. Z. BAILEY,

Committee.

HON. JAMES BRIDGES.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, heretofore appointed to draft suitable resolutions respecting the life and character and public service of the Hon. James Bridges of Mahaska county, beg leave to submit the following: