

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable J. Dick Snakenberg, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful, useful public servant, and the House, by this resolution, would express its appreciation of his service, and tender its sympathy to his wife and members of his family.

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.

MAHLON N. BROWN,
JOHN GRAY,
ELMER VERMEER,

Committee.

SAMUEL R. TORGESON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Samuel R. Torgeson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Samuel R. Torgeson was born at Hanlontown, Iowa, on May 28, 1892, and passed away in Minneapolis on September 25, 1954. He received his early education in the rural schools and at Waldorf College. In 1917 he received the Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College.

Mr. Torgeson married Miss Emma Dahl of Worth County. A son, Dean Nathan, was born May 2, 1926.

After a two-year period of teaching, Mr. Torgeson began in 1919 a long career in banking, serving first as assistant cashier of a bank at Hanlontown, and later as cashier of the Farmers Trust and Savings Bank at Joice, Iowa. Since 1933, he served as cashier, later as executive vice president and director of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank in Lake Mills. He served as president of the State Bankers Association of Iowa in 1937 and 1938.

Mr. Torgeson was a member of the Iowa House of Representatives, serving in the Forty-second, Forty-second Extra, Forty-third and Forty-fourth sessions of the General Assembly. He was a member for eight years of the Republican State Central Committee.

During the years, he has been an active church man, having served as deacon and trustee in the various parishes to which he has belonged; for thirty-five years he continuously taught Sunday School classes. Mr. Torgeson was a director of the Board of Pensions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Fifty-sixth General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Samuel R. Torgeson, the people of Worth County and of the entire State of Iowa have sustained a great loss and the House expresses its ap-

preciation of his character and public service and tenders, by this resolution, its sincere and heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family in their great sorrow and loss.

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.

W. R. CHRISTIANSEN,
HENRY C. NELSON,
CHARLES R. BURTCH,
Committee.

LAWRENCE I. TRUAX

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Lawrence I. Truax, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Lawrence I. Truax was born on a farm near Yale, Guthrie County, Iowa, on June 5, 1884. He passed away at Des Moines, Iowa, on October 14, 1953.

His parents were John and Clara Truax, farmers, near Yale, Iowa. The early part of his life was spent in and around this home. His early education was received in the rural schools and the Guthrie County High School. He then attended Cornell College for two years after which he taught in rural and grade schools in Guthrie County. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Bagley.

He married Dora Corsaut-Edmand of Bagley who preceded him in death.

His law education was obtained at the University of Iowa law school. He was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1912, and to the California Bar in 1913 where he practiced law. He was also a certified public accountant. In 1914 he returned to Guthrie County and was elected county auditor there, serving three terms consecutively. He acted as a draft official during World War I. In 1920 he was elected as Representative from Guthrie County to the State Legislature and served in the Thirty-ninth General Assembly.

Thereafter he served in the state auditor's office and from 1939 until the time of his death he was supervisor of county audits. Upon making his home in Des Moines, he transferred his church membership to Westminster United Presbyterian Church where he served faithfully as a deacon. He was also associated with the Masonic bodies—Scottish Rites, Commandery, and the Shrine. He was a member of the National Association of County Officials, Pioneer Law Makers Organization, University Club and East Des Moines Club.

At the time of his death, he left to survive him, his wife, Ellie S. Truax, two stepdaughters, one sister, and three brothers.