

HON. WILLIAM B. TOWNER.

The Hon. William B. Towner, a member of the House of Representatives during the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies, departed this life on the 3rd day of October, 1914, at his home in Charles City, Iowa.

He came to Lake county, Illinois, when he was nineteen years of age, and there in 1856 was united in marriage to Harriet Darby. Mr. and Mrs. Towner went to Floyd county, Iowa, in 1864, and settled on a farm in Cedar township, where they resided until he retired from the farm and went to Charles City.

Mr. Towner was a man who was interested in the civic and social life of the community as well as in his own affairs. During his active life, he served as school director, justice of the peace, which office he filled from 1875 to 1897, trustee, county supervisor of Floyd county, and representative of Floyd county in the state legislature during the terms above mentioned. As a public servant he was affable and obliging, but rigid in his adherence to the right; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That in his death the state and county have suffered the loss of a worthy and influential citizen, and that we hereby extend to the bereaved relatives and friends our heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the chief clerk transmit an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

GEO. H. PURDY,

H. L. WILSON,

P. L. KEPPEL,

*Committee.*

Adopted unanimously.

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HON. OLIVER P. ROWLES.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of respect to the life, character and public services of the late Hon. Oliver P. Rowles, a member of the Ninth General Assembly, beg leave to report the following:

Oliver P. Rowles was born March 25th, 1821, in Bath, New York, and with his parents, David H. and Rebecca Rowles, moved to Covington, Ind., when he was one year old. There he grew to early manhood among the sturdy pioneers, assisting to hew a home in the primeval forest, and later in contract work in building the Wabash canal. His education was secured from the ordinary country school of that day. In 1844 the family again moved westward and located on what in more recent years was known as the Collins farm, two miles south of the present city of Albia, Monroe county, Iowa.

On December 7th, 1845, deceased was united in marriage to Louisa Lower, with whom he continued to live for over sixty-five years, until July 20th, 1911, when she was called from the earthly home. After