

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the journal of the Senate and that the secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

J. A. NELSON,  
B. J. HORCHEM,  
C. W. WILTMORE.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

In moving the adoption of the resolutions Senator Nelson spoke in part as follows:

It was not my pleasure to be very well acquainted with ex-Senator Voorhees. He was a sterling character and a real business man. He set an example before the young people of today of what may be accomplished today in this land of ours. He was a man thrown out on the cold business world early in life and advanced steadily and gradually, showing what can be accomplished in this life and as such I commend him to the people of the state of Iowa. He was a man of good business qualities, and much energy. His life was composed of deeds not words. He died early in life, yet having lived a complete life, so to say.

Senator Wilson spoke as follows:

To my mind there is no occasion of such real profit in our senatorial careers as are these memorial occasions. It is with a peculiar sense of sadness that I say anything in reference to Senator Voorhees. During the Thirty-sixth General Assembly, among all the associates I have had in the six years—four sessions, none tied themselves to me with quite the firmness as does the association of Senator Voorhees. His sunny smile, his genial manner, his hearty handclasp are things that can never be forgotten; and after all, those are the things that make for success in life, not the accumulation of wealth, not the attainment of fame, but the fact that a man is right at heart is the only thing, fellow senators, that we take with us.

When you or I die, a few tears will be shed and soon it is all forgotten. Struggle against it as we will, how sadly true it is! May it be said of us as of our brother from Cass that as we enter the river of death we have as our pilot the captain of our salvation, may we hear not only the heavens ringing hallelujahs but the still small voice saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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FREDERICK TOWNSEND.

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

Frederick Townsend was born in Albia, Iowa, July 1, 1863, and departed this life November 13, 1918. He was the son of distinguished parents and pioneers of the state of Iowa. His father, the late John S. Townsend of Albia, Iowa, was judge of the district court of Iowa from 1853 to 1863 and

was a member of the Fourth General Assembly of Iowa from Monroe and Marion Counties which convened at Iowa City on December 6, 1852. His mother Ann Elbert was the daughter of Dr. John D. Elbert of Van Buren County, Iowa, and who was elected to and served as president of the territorial council of Iowa in 1842. He received his education in the public schools of Albia and in the University of Michigan, from which he graduated in the law class in 1838. He practiced law for a time in El Paso, Texas, but in 1890 returned to Albia where he took up the practice of his profession and soon distinguished himself as a strong, able and conscientious lawyer and at the time of his death was the senior member of the firm of Townsend and Miller. In the early nineties Frederick Townsend was elected County Attorney of Monroe County and served with distinction and fairness; safeguarding the interests of the county in all cases and seeking to prosecute only the guilty and he gained the enviable reputation of never persecuting the innocent and seeing that all coming before the court received a fair and impartial trial. His ability was recognized while serving as County Attorney and his special fitness to serve the public was soon appreciated by the general public and he was elected to the Iowa Senate and sat as a member of this body in the Twenty-eighth and Twenty-ninth General Assembly, where he soon gained distinction and is remembered for his noble character and sterling integrity. Although a Democrat in politics he was above all a legislator who sought to enact into law only such measures as were for the best interest of the general public and at no time and under no condition could he be influenced to support measures which did not appeal to him as being for the best interest of the state. He was a legislator of exceptional ability but always unassuming, unpretentious and fearless in the performance of his duties.

He was a man who had the best interest of his community at heart and constantly on his mind and of his talents and services he gave freely. He served with extraordinary ability and devotion for a number of years as Secretary of the Chautauqua association of Albia and made it one of the best chautauquas in Iowa. He also served well and faithfully on the library board and the school board of his home city and during the late war gave freely, largely and liberally of his time and services on the Board of Equalization and Fuel Commission for Monroe County.

During his early manhood he was confirmed in the Episcopal church in his home city and for a number of years was one of its most active workers. At the time of his death he was a member of and a very active worker in the Big Brother Bible class of the Methodist church, in which his counsel and advice was always sought. He was kind to a fault and the lowly and needy never appealed to him in vain. In 1839 he was united in marriage with Miss Helen Dawson, to this union were born five children of whom three are living, Robert D. Townsend, Katharine Townsend and Arthur Townsend, who with the mother mourned the loss of this kind husband and loving father.

Frederick Townsend departed this life just in the prime of manhood. In his death the community in which he lived has lost a kind neighbor and a good citizen and the state one of its best and most valuable men.

*Be It Resolved*, That his family has lost a kind husband and loving father; his community a noble and self sacrificing member; and that the state has lost a valuable and patriotic citizen.

*Therefore Be It Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Senate, that the same be engrossed and a copy sent to his bereaved wife, Helen D. Townsend and family at Albia, Iowa.

J. R. PRICE,  
A. L. BROXAM,  
W. G. HASKELL.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Price spoke in part as follows :

The hour is growing late and this is the last of the memorials of this session. We stand in the presence of those who are departed. I know that we cannot eulogize the memory of Fred Townsend. His life was an open book in his community. Everybody knew him,—everybody loved him. He was a young man born of the best stock in Iowa as you will appreciate from the resolution just read. His father was a member of the General Assembly in 1860. He was one of the best men in his community. He was a lawyer of influence and if ever a lawyer in the state of Iowa gained the distinction of being a man of honesty and fairmindedness, Fred Townsend was that man. His greatest asset, his greatest virtue was his sterling integrity. I cannot eulogize his life. He was faithful to his friends, and if he had any enemies, he was kind to them.

On motion of Senator Wilson the memorial session was adjourned.