

HON. ASA B. SMITH

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Asa B. Smith, an honored member of the Twenty-third General Assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:

Asa B. Smith was born in Morgan County, Ohio, January 27, 1841. He grew to manhood in Ohio. August 8, 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 97th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, where he served three years. He participated in many major battles, and was severely wounded at Missionary Ridge.

In 1866 he moved to Dewitt, Iowa, where he married Nancy Ellen Mummey, with whom he lived in loving companionship for nearly fifty years. He moved to Sac county in 1878, and settled on a farm east of Odebolt. In 1890 he was elected to the House of Representatives from Sac county, and faithfully discharged his duties as a public official.

In later years he made his home with his daughter at Mt. Vernon, Iowa, where he died July 25, 1930. Three children survive him, Charles H. Smith, Odebolt, Iowa; Mrs. S. L. Chandler, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; and Harlan A. Smith, Onamia, Minnesota.

He was a worthy citizen, a brave defender of his country, and a staunch Christian gentleman, whose influence was always directed towards right and justice in the community where he lived.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, Take this occasion to express its appreciation of the splendid character and public services of the deceased, and extend to the surviving members of his family its sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

And Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House; and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward a copy to the family of the deceased.

GEORGE C. STANZEL,
JOHN H. AIKEN,
J. PARK BAIR,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HON. JOHN B. TRUAX

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Hon. John B. Truax, late of Buchanan County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, The Honorable John B. Truax of Independence, Iowa, who was a member of the House in the Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second Special and Forty-third General Assemblies, died at his home in Independence, Iowa, on November 19, 1930, at the age of seventy-one years.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That this resolution be accepted commemorating his life, character and service to the state.

John B. Truax, representative from Buchanan county, was born in Indiana in 1859. In 1864 he moved to Iowa with his parents who settled on a farm in the northern part of Buchanan county. He followed the occupation of farmer until 1884, when he met with an accident which made it impossible for him to continue. He worked in a general store for a number of years, and in 1898 was elected county recorder for Buchanan county and served twenty consecutive years. During that time he purchased a set of abstract books and followed that occupation for a number of years. He was married to Ella O. Lawrence of Hazelton, Iowa, November 7, 1880, and to them was born one daughter who is now the wife of A. J. Schuette, who is the proprietor of the book store in Independence. Mr. Truax was a member of Independence Lodge No. 87, A. F. & A. M., and was its secretary for twenty-six years. He was also a member of O. E. S. and of the Methodist Church. He was always a republican in politics. He was elected representative of the Sixty-seventh District in 1924 and re-elected in 1926 and 1928.

Mr. Truax was greatly handicapped physically for a number of years, being unable to walk without the aid of a cane, and in his latter years only with crutches. He always bore his affliction patiently, was ever cordial and pleasant, had many friends who esteemed him highly. Was a kind husband and father and as a legislator was highly regarded and well thought of, always showing a Christian spirit.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. GISSEL,
S. R. TORGESON,
E. M. LICHTY,

Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HON. G. H. VAN HOUTEN

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Hon. G. H. Van Houten of Taylor County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following report:

George H. Van Houten was born near Rockport, Missouri, Atchinson county, February 24, 1847, and died at Lenox, Iowa, October 17, 1930. In the year 1848, with his parents, he came to Madison County, Iowa, about five miles east of Winterset, moving to Cass county in 1850 near Lewis, then the county seat of Cass county, again in 1855 moving to Taylor county near Conway.

In the year of 1864 he volunteered his service and was accepted in Company E, 4th Missouri Cavalry, United States Service, at Sedalia, Missouri, and was honorably discharged at St. Louis, July 5, 1865.

In 1866 he was married to Salina A. Jenks, a playmate of his childhood days. They began life together near Lenox, Iowa, where twelve children were born to them who grew to maturity, besides helping to raise eight orphan children. On account of poor school facilities and impaired eyesight caused by measles, his education was neglected until when his