

GEORGE M. TITUS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable George M. Titus of Muscatine, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

George M. Titus, lawyer and legislator, died at Muscatine, Iowa, April 9, 1947; born in Cayuga county, New York, May 19, 1856; moved with his parents to Michigan when eleven years old and attended school there, the family later moving to Iowa where he attended the Baptist college at Wilton; in the meantime started teaching school at the age of fifteen, and continued for seven years; undertook the study of law in 1876 in the office of A. N. Van Camp at Wilton; later studied in the office of Allen Broomhall and was admitted to the bar in 1880; associated in law partnership with DeWitt C. Richman until 1886 and then joined with D. V. Jackson in forming the firm of Titus & Jackson which continued until Mr. Jackson's election as district judge; served as state senator from Muscatine county in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies; author of the Titus amendment to the Iowa constitution which changed from annual to biennial elections; also author of the legislation establishing the state library commission; active in state and local civic affairs and at time of his death was president of the P. M. Musser library, a position he had held since 1901; president of the Titus Loan & Investment company and a past president of the Iowa Pioneer Lawmakers' association; married June 1, 1881, in Muscatine to Ella Broomhall, who died May 5, 1907; again married October 10, 1909, to Hannah Jefferson Hutchinson, who also preceded him in death, those surviving being one son, G. Raymond Titus, of Muscatine, and a daughter, Miss Harriett Titus, of Red Oak, Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly: That in the passing of Senator George M. Titus the state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

HERMAN B. LORD,
HARLAN C. FOSTER,
W. N. SKOURUP,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

COMFORT H. VAN LAW

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable Comfort Harvey Van Law, of Marshalltown, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following:

Comfort Harvey Van Law, attorney and legislator, died at Marshalltown, Iowa, April 20, 1948; born on a farm in Keokuk county, near

Tilton, Iowa, July 19, 1869, a son of Catherine and Robert V. Law; educated in the rural schools, a boy's family lived for a time at Brooklyn, Iowa; at the age of eight years was teaching school and continued until he began to read law in the office of Maj. John F. Lacey of Oskaloosa; attended the old Oskaloosa college and in the fall of 1893 entered the State University of Iowa and graduated in 1896, receiving his M.A. degree the following year and was admitted to the bar in October, 1897; opened a law office in Marshalltown in 1898, practicing there as an attorney for forty-eight years; married Alice Luscombe at Iowa City, August 2, 1898, Mrs. Van Law died in January, 1933. He served as city attorney from 1901 to 1905; as state senator 1908 to 1912 in the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth General Assemblies; active always in community and church affairs, serving as chairman of the official board of the Marshalltown Christian Church for more than thirty years and often filled the pulpit as a lay speaker when the church was temporarily without a pastor; he is survived by a son, Ted, an electrical engineer with the Southern California Edison company at Los Angeles, and a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Blue, the former Alice Van Law, who has been prominent in Marshalltown as a teacher and secretary of the Y.W.C.A. A daughter, Ruth V. Van Law, passed away in 1926, and a son, James H. Van Law, an attorney in Los Angeles, passed away in 1930.

The Senate mourns the untimely death of this able and distinguished citizen of Iowa.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-third General Assembly: That in the passing of the Honorable Comfort Harvey Van Law, of Marshalltown, Iowa, the state has lost a valuable and honorable citizen, and an honest statesman.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

W. ELDON WALTER,
JOHN R. HATTERY,
RICHARD V. LEO,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.