

Mr. Pierson was a member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church in Oskaloosa; he served on the Salvation Army Board, the William Penn College Board of Trustees, the Quad County Grain Board of Directors; and was a member of the Rotary Club, the Men's Club, the Penn College Alumni Club, the Mahaska County Ag Council, the Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee, the YMCA Finance Committee, the Community YMCA Council, and International Flying Farmers. He was active on the Mahaska County Republican Central Committee and organized the Summer Sweet Corn and Chicken Roast.

A Republican, Mr. Pierson represented Keokuk, Mahaska, and Monroe Counties during the Sixty-second, Sixty-third and Sixty-fourth General Assemblies.

George N. Pierson died on August 26, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of Carol Stream, Illinois; his two sons: Royce of Oskaloosa and Arvid "Shorty" of Pella; his stepdaughter, Judy Picken, of Wheaton, Illinois; a brother, Robert of Oskaloosa; seven grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable George N. Pierson, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.*

*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.*

HAROLD VAN MAANEN  
 PHIL TYRRELL  
 ROBERT KISTLER

Committee

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ELMER H. VERMEER

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Elmer H. "Dutch" Vermeer begs leave to submit the following Memorial:

Elmer H. Vermeer was born on June 7, 1920 on a farm near Pella in Marion County. On September 20, 1946 he married Jeanette V. Lankelma of Pella and they had four sons and one daughter.

Mr. Vermeer served as a Ranger in the United States Army from 1941 to 1946 and was awarded the Silver Star. Following his discharge from the Army he owned and operated a livestock farm near Pella. He was a member of the Reformed Church, where he served on the consistory; the Central College Board of Trustees; the Pella National Bank Board of Directors; the American Legion; the V.F.W.; the Natural Heritage Foundation; the Marion County Conservation Board; the Iowa Nurserymen's Association; and the State of Iowa and Pella Historical Societies. He also served as the National President of the Ranger Battalions' Association. During the administration of Governor Robert D. Ray, Mr. Vermeer served as one of the Governor's administrative assistants.

A Republican, Mr. Vermeer represented Marion County during the Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth, Fifty-seventh, Fifty-ninth, and Sixtieth General Assemblies.

Elmer H. Vermeer died on May 23, 1989. He is survived by his wife, Jeanette of Pella; four sons, Thomas of Mount Pleasant, Richard of Davenport, William of Des Moines, James of Cedar Rapids; and one daughter Ann Stienstra, also of Cedar Rapids.

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable Elmer H. Vermeer, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.*

*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.*

DAVID SCHRADER  
DENNIS BLACK  
HAROLD VAN MAANEN

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