

On the adoption of these resolutions Senator Wilson spoke as follows:

I think I am full aware of the fact that we who are left are not able to fully comprehend the condition of those who have passed on before, at this time. We may think and we may consider; we may speculate and we may believe, but whether or not the spirits of those who have gone before are looking down upon us at this instance, we do not know. This may be true or it may not be true; as to these things no man knoweth.

Lewis L. Taylor was my predecessor; he was my friend. In the thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-second general assemblies he was a member of this body. I am glad to be able to have this opportunity to pay tribute to the man whose memory we commemorate in these resolutions. He was my friend and a man among men; I know of no other man of my acquaintance, boy or man, of whom I thought more highly than I did of Senator Taylor. He was a man honored in the county in which he lived and had the unlimited confidence of all who knew him, and I think I speak for some of the members of this body when I say that as for official acts, no man need offer any apologies.

He was an honest man and I think no higher tribute could be paid to his life and character than to say of him as was said of the meek and lowly Nazarene of whom Senator Taylor was a follower: "He went about doing good."

If we who follow after shall be as true to ourselves, our fellows and our God as was Senator Taylor then as we enter the river of death we shall have as our pilot the Captain of our Salvation and as with storm shattered bark we approach heaven's harbor we will hear not only the heavens ringing hallelujahs of welcome but also the still small voice saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

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

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of Honorable J. J. Wall, beg leave to submit the following report:

J. J. WALL.

WHEREAS, On the 6th day of December, 1916, J. J. Wall, a former member of the state senate of Iowa, during the eighteenth and nineteenth General Assemblies, departed this life at his home in the city of Centerville, Iowa, and

WHEREAS, His record as a man, a legislator, public official and a citizen, has been of the highest character, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we should recognize in some fitting manner, the passing of this ex-Senator. Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of Iowa, That in the death of J. J. Wall, the state of Iowa has suffered the loss of a good citizen and a faithful official.*

Mr. Wall was eighty-five years, three months and four days old at the time of his death. During his lifetime he had been one of the most promising men of the country, especially in his younger days.

He was born in Tennessee on September 3rd, 1831, but removed to Iowa when a young man and lived on a farm in Appanoose County.

In politics, he was affiliated with the democratic party although in the later years of his life he became an advocate of the doctrine of the Socialist party.

He made his home in Centerville for twenty-one years prior to his death. He had always been an active man, even up to a short time before his death. He is survived by his faithful wife, only. There having been no children born to the union, although the couple had raised several as foster children.

His was a temperament of intense character. His vote on all moral questions was at all times unquestioned, being always an advocate of the right course of living, as well as the proper attitude toward his fellow men. Be it further

*Resolved*, That the life of J. J. Wall is worthy of commendation, both as to his faithfulness in public life and his dealings with his fellow men in private life.

*Be It Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of this Senate and engrossed copy thereof be sent to his surviving wife.

J. M. WILSON.

K. M. LE COMPTE.

JNO. R. PRICE.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Wilson moved the adoption of the resolutions and spoke in part as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—I do not know that I can add anything to the resolutions which have been presented and prepared by me commemorative of the life of Mr. Wall.

Some forty years ago he was a member of this body. I had no personal acquaintance or knowledge of him at that time but subsequent thereto it was my pleasure and privilege to be somewhat intimately acquainted with him, and while we did not at all times, or in the majority of times, agree on matters of public policy, yet I came to regard him very highly as a man possessed of the right kind of impulses. In his late years he became, as perhaps many others have, obsessed with the idea that society did not give to its individual members all the rights and privileges to which they were entitled. In other words, he became what might be very well stated as an exponent of the socialistic doctrines. He was an honored citizen and well respected by the community in which he lived.

While it is with regret that I am impelled by a sense of duty to present these resolutions, it is also with a feeling that I am discharging a solemn duty. He lived to an advanced age as stated in the resolutions and in reference to his life I may say that we do well to take the time to act upon these resolutions.