

ELBERT M. WATSON

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Elbert M. Watson, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Elbert M. Watson was born May 18, 1912, in Ringgold County, the son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Watson. He was educated in the Diagonal public schools; attended Creston Junior College, Simpson College and the University of Iowa.

On July 8, 1939, he was married to Alberta Miller, and to this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters.

Mr. Watson was engaged in insurance business for twenty years and in banking for twenty-one years, and served as president of the First State Bank of Diagonal, Iowa. He was very active in civic affairs and had served on local and county school boards. He was also a director of Area XIV Vocational-Technical School. He had served on the County Extension Board, the Ringgold County Hospital Board, and was a director of the Ringgold County Industrial Development Board.

Mr. Watson was a member of the Methodist Church, the Lions Club, of which he served as president, the Masons, American Legion, Farm Bureau, American Bankers Association, Independent Bankers Association, Iowa Bankers Association, Bluegrass Bankers Association, and Independent Insurance Agents Association, and in most of these organizations he had held an elective office. He served in the United States Navy Hospital as corpsman for two years.

Mr. Watson, a Republican, served in the Iowa House of Representatives in the Sixty-second session of the General Assembly as Representative of Ringgold and Taylor Counties.

Death came to Mr. Watson on October 22, 1967, and he is survived by his widow, Alberta; three sons, Elbert J., now with the United States Army in Fort Polk, Louisiana; Stevon and Mark of Diagonal; and three daughters, Mrs. Jack (Dixie) Taylor, Diagonal; Mrs. Larry (Kay) Pratt, Ames, and Mrs. William (Ann) Warin, Mount Ayr; and six grandchildren. A sister, Mrs. Gerald (Olive) Lonnecker of Creston, also survives Mr. Watson.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Elbert M. Watson, 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 and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

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.

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