

in Iowa and Illinois and became known for his stock feeding enterprises. He was intensely interested in the economics of agriculture and was a keen student of farm conditions. A short time following the economic slump which struck the middle west, after the so-called inflation period had passed, Webber and others appeared before the Executive Committee in the State House at Des Moines, and, due largely to his efforts and those who supported him, land values as between farm land and city property were adjusted. This effected a saving of thousands of dollars to the farmers of Iowa.

In 1919 he became president of the Ottumwa National Bank and retained that position until January 1, 1928, though previously he submitted his resignation from that office to the directors, due to his burden of other business duties. He was also president of the Wapello County Savings Bank, an institution which he headed at the time of his death.

Senator Webber was one of the outstanding figures in the good roads movement in his county and state. During the road campaign here in the early part of 1926, he made numerous speeches throughout the county in behalf of the proposed bond issue. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Iowa Good Roads Association. He was a member of the Wapello Club and a charter member of the Ottumwa Country Club.

He was prominently mentioned recently in connection with being a candidate on the Democrat ticket to run for Congress from the Sixth District.

On October 2, 1900, he was united in marriage to Miss Estella L. Bailey of Ferris, Illinois, who with two sons, John Francis Jr., and Bailey C., survive him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Webber Lambert of Carthage, Illinois, and one brother, Charles A. Webber, of Ferris, Illinois.

FRANK SHANE,  
W. A. CLARK,  
F. M. BEATTY,

*Committee.*

Senator Shane spoke as follows:

I was a member of the House of Representatives during part of Mr. Webber's service in the Senate and our relations at that time were very close. During the years following we had many pleasant business contacts. I knew him intimately and admired him greatly.

He was one of the outstanding men of southeastern Iowa—kind, genial, yet possessed of wonderful business ability. His passing was a distinct loss, both to his community and to the state. "May he rest in peace."

I move the adoption of the report.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

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GEORGE S. ALLYN

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Honorable George S. Allyn, begs leave to submit the following report: