

HON. WILLIAM MANSFIELD WALKER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable William Mansfield Walker, state representative, reports as follows:

Mr. Walker was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, August 22, 1852, and died in Keosauqua March 19, 1930. His parents, Dr. Peter Walker and Christiann (Schuyler) Walker, having died when Mr. Walker was a small boy, he made his home with relatives, and attended country school, later teaching. He took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar in 1881 and in 1884 located in Keosauqua as a member of the firm of Lea, Wherry & Walker. In 1885 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. After the death of Mr. Lea in 1885 the firm remained Wherry & Walker until the removal of Mr. Wherry to Los Angeles, California, when the firm became Walker & McBeth, and so remained until Mr. Walker was elected a judge of the Second Judicial District in 1922. He was re-elected four years later and was serving in that position at the time of his death.

Mr. Walker was greatly interested in his profession in which he gained distinction for his thorough knowledge of the law, his professional rectitude, his fairness of judgment and his courage. Nothing can demonstrate more clearly the quality of his mind and spirit than the fact that a man who had none of the advantages of law school or college could be elected as a member of the General Assembly and twice elected judge of the district court.

He was a man of broad human sympathy, charitable in his judgments, kindly and unselfish in his dealings with his fellowmen.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of Honorable William Mansfield Walker, the state has lost a worthy and influential citizen; and

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution of respect and appreciation be printed in the Journal of the House.

STANLEY WATTS,
LEONARD SIMMER,
H. C. PATTISON,

Committee.

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HON. DAVID D. WEBSTER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable David D. Webster, late of Muscatine County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

David D. Webster was born in Louisa County, Iowa, May 2, 1858. He settled on a farm in Muscatine county. He was married to Anna Lone of Muscatine, September 7, 1881. To this union two children were born. Besides his wife he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Nellie Spring of Tucson, Arizona, and one son, Harry D. Webster of Muscatine.

He was affiliated in early life with the Methodist Church. Later he

joined the Congregational Church. He was a faithful member of both organizations.

He was a member of the Board of Supervisors for six years. At the expiration of his term he was elected a member of the Thirty-second General Assembly on the republican ticket, where he served with honor and distinction to the people of his county and the state of Iowa.

He died March 10, 1930, after an illness of six years. His age was seventy-two years, ten months, and eight days.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That the foregoing memorial be adopted as its appreciation of the life and character and public service of the Honorable David D. Webster.

Be It Further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this House, and an enrolled copy thereof be sent to the family of the deceased.

THEODORE DRAKE,
RALPH R. HUNT,
SAMUEL D. WHITING,
Committee.

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HON. WINFIELD SCOTT WITHROW

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and public service of the Honorable Winfield Scott Withrow, State Representative, reports as follows:

Mr. Withrow was born at Salem, Henry County, Iowa, September 28, 1855, and died at Mount Pleasant, February 7, 1930. Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Mount Pleasant.

He attended public school in Salem and was graduated from Whittier College, Salem, Iowa. In 1880 he was graduated from the Law Department of the State University of Iowa, admitted to the bar and began practice at Salem. He soon thereafter purchased the Salem News and edited it in connection with his law practice. Two years later he disposed of the News and became assistant cashier of the Salem Savings Bank. In 1883 he went to Mankato, Minnesota, as editorial assistant on the Free Press. However, in 1884 he returned to Salem and resumed his duties in the bank and looked after his law practice. In 1884 he was elected representative and served in the Twenty-first General Assembly. He served on the town council and was also mayor. In 1887 he removed to Mount Pleasant and devoted himself to the practice of law, first in partnership with William J. Jeffries, later with W. F. Kopp, and finally with W. I. Babb. June 15, 1896, Governor Drake appointed him a judge of the newly created Twentieth Judicial District. By reason of elections he continued in that position until April 19, 1913, when he resigned to accept the appointment by Governor Clarke as justice of the supreme court, in which position he served until January, 1915, when he returned to law practice at Mount Pleasant. July 8, 1916, Governor Clarke appointed him a member of the State Board of Parole. He resigned from