

JAMES C. WEST

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable James Clifford West begs leave to submit the following Memorial:

James West was born on July 30, 1932, in Des Moines, Iowa. On February 26, 1955, he married Mary Carol Nelson. They had two sons and one daughter.

James C. West graduated from State Center High School in 1950. He received his B.S. degree in Industrial Administration from Iowa State University in 1958 and his M.B.A. in Finance from Denver University in 1959. The owner of Brimhall-West Furniture of State Center, Mr. West was an elder in the Presbyterian Church; served on the Gutekunst Library's Board of Directors; was a Masonic Lodge District Lecturer; a member of the Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F. & A.M. and Eastern Star; was a member of the American Legion; the Farm Bureau and the Lions Club.

Mr. West was an Air Force Sergeant for four years, serving in Korea as a gunner in a B-26 during 1953; chaired the Marshall County Care Review Committee; was on the Board of Directors for the Iowa Taxpayers Association; was a former Secretary to the State Center Economic Development Corporation; was an Agriculture Program Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture - Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service; served on the Republican State Central Committee as 4th District Chair; was the Legislative Campaign Director, G.O.P., 1980-1981; served on the Platform Committee for the Republican State Convention; was active in Congressional campaigns as the Iowa Administrator for U.S. Senator Roger Jepsen, 1980-1984, and in 1980 he ran against Cooper Evans as the candidate for Iowa's 3rd District Seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

A Republican, Mr. West represented Marshall, Hardin, Grundy, Story and Jasper Counties during the Sixty-fifth, Sixty-sixth, Sixty-seventh, Sixty-seventh Extra and Sixty-eighth General Assemblies.

James C. West died on June 6, 1990. He is survived by his wife, Mary Carol; sons, Guy of Cedar Rapids and Dean of West Des Moines; daughter, Raina of State Center; a brother, Richard of Lincoln, Nebraska; a sister, Margaret Johnson of Lexington, Kentucky; and two grandchildren.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable James Clifford West, 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.

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