

Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in the passing of Senator Whitmore this state mourns the loss of a valuable and honored citizen; a man who devoted many years of his life to public service, and the Senate of Iowa by this resolution extends to the family of Chester W. Whitmore its deepest sympathy.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this memorial resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary be directed to send enrolled copies to the members of the family of the deceased.

ELMER K. BEKMAN,
ALDEN L. DOUD,
J. R. BARKLEY,
LUKE VITTETOE,
T. H. KLEIN,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

B. C. WHITEHILL

Senator B. C. Whitehill of the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, passed away January 8, 1945, the opening day of the Fifty-first General Assembly, while in Des Moines in the performance of his duty as a legislator.

Senator Whitehill was a veteran lawmaker, having served many years in the Iowa Senate, and his colleagues in the Senate had shown their appreciation and esteem by selecting him as President Pro Tempore of the Senate, which office he would have filled but for his passing.

In his passing the state has lost a faithful and efficient servant and statesman and each member of the Senate has lost a valued and esteemed friend and co-worker.

Be It Therefore Resolved by the Senate of the Fifty-first General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That we extend to the widow and family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathy in their loss and bereavement, and

Be It Further Resolved, That this resolution be printed in the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate transmit to Mrs. B. C. Whitehill a copy of such Journal and a regularly engrossed copy of this resolution.

Be It Further Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint a committee of three to represent the Senate at the funeral services, and,

Be It Further Resolved, That the President of the Senate appoint six members of the Senate to act as honorary pallbearers at the funeral of Senator Whitehill.

A. J. SHAW,
LEO ELTHON,
J. BERG,

Committee.

Following the introduction of the above resolution, Senator Hill, on behalf of the Senate, expressed the sympathy and regrets of the members in the sudden and untimely death of Senator Whitehill, which remarks were by unanimous consent printed in the Senate Journal:

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE: I arise at this time utterly lacking in words to fully express my feeling of the moment. Our hearts were all saddened by the sudden passing and taking from us of our beloved and esteemed friend, Senator B. C. Whitehill, known to all of us affectionately as "Ben".

I came to the Senate at the same time as did Senator Whitehill. It has always been a pleasure to work with him. He was always willing and anxious to perform any service which he believed right and for the best interest of his fellowman. He was courageous and determined, in any cause in which he believed. He was extremely fair and judicious in the performance of his duty. Those of us who knew him learned to love him.

"Ben", as we called him, lived a life of usefulness. Born in Iowa, he served his native state well and faithfully as a businessman, a public servant, as a soldier and above all as a loyal and upright citizen.

As an exemplification of his feeling of responsibility to his obligations, and as the soldier that he was, he responded to his call of duty to be present here at the opening of this legislature and gave his life in the line of that duty.

In addition to the regular duties as a member of this body Senator Whitehill rendered outstanding and distinguished service as a representative of this Senate, the legislature and the State of Iowa.

In 1939 as a member of a legislative committee from Iowa he journeyed to the State of Alabama bearing the flag of that state that had been taken by an Iowa regiment during the Civil War—thus binding the two commonwealths in everlasting friendship. He carried with him the greetings of Iowa to Alabama and returned bearing a message of good will to our people.

Then in 1943 as a member of a special committee of this Senate and the Fiftieth General Assembly of Iowa Senator Whitehill made an official trip to the Navy Yard in New York to represent the State of Iowa at the commissioning of the great battleship "Iowa".

Senator Whitehill on all occasions presented himself with dignity and understanding. He was deeply interested in the military activities of this state, serving on those committees in the legislature and for many years was the Commandant of the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown, Iowa.

Just before his passing he had received the unanimous endorsement of his Republican colleagues in the Senate as a candidate for the high office of President Pro Tempore of this body and within a few moments would have been elected to that office.

I always looked to Ben for guidance and counsel and I believe that his life could be appropriately adopted as a pattern for all of us.

As I was suddenly called to his side yesterday when he was stricken I tried to comfort him in my feeble way. He looked up and tried to smile as was his manner always. He said, "Hello Ray," and then went to sleep—a peaceful sleep. And now I say that which I wished to say yesterday but was unable to do so. "Goodbye, Ben, we are all better for having known you."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.