

CHARLES NELSON PONCY

Charles Nelson Ponce was born on March 2, 1922 in Wapello County, Iowa. Ponce graduated from Ottumwa High School in 1940, and served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Naomi McCrory on June 1, 1942 and their union created two sons.

Ponce worked for the Ottumwa Community Schools as maintenance engineer for over 35 years, retiring in 1985. He supported Indian Hills Community College and its contributions to the community. An example is the Memorial Scholarship Fund named for his son and given to those students that are pursuing programs in computer programming/analyst or computer systems/network technology. For a brief time he served as Wapello County Supervisor.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Noon Kiwanis, O.B. Nelson Post #3 of the American Legion, B.P.O. Elks Lodge #347. He was a former low rent housing commissioner, past president Local 1141 and AFSCME secretary, and former chairman of the Department of Iowa American Legion Legislative Commission.

Ponce was a Democrat from Wapello County. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1966, serving for eleven terms. Throughout his time he served on many committees; Appropriations, State Government, Judiciary & Law Enforcement, Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation, Education, Local Government, Cities and Towns, Rules, Labor and Industrial Relations, Iowa Development, Conservation and Chair of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee.

We would also like to take a moment to recognize the passing of Representative's Ponce wife, Naomi, on March 27, 2015. She too is fondly remembered today.

Representative Ponce passed away on January 29, 2015 at the age of 92.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Charles Nelson Ponce, 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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Committee