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## MEMORIALS

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### AMOS NORRIS ALBERSON

The committee appointed to prepare a suitable memorial commemorating the life and service of the Honorable Amos N. Alberson, late of Washington, Iowa, submitted the following brief memorial:

Honorable Amos N. Alberson was born at Orange, Ashland county, Ohio, September 4, 1849. His father, James Alberson, the county judge, gave him a common school education.

In 1872, he came to Iowa and settled in Washington, where he continued to live. He was engaged as a contractor and builder until 1881, when he gave up his trade and entered the grocery business. In 1920, he sold his business and retired.

The name of Amos N. Alberson was almost a household word with every family in his home town. Having been in the grocery business for forty years, he was acquainted with nearly every family in the city. Through his congenial and liberal disposition he made friends with all who knew him. This confidence was shown by their placing him in the position of mayor of the city for four terms. In this office he displayed such unusual business ability that he brought credit, not only to himself, but also to the city to whose interests he was devoting the best efforts of his life.

He was not only a success in his business, but also in his social, religious, and fraternal connections. He had been a member of the official board of the Methodist Church for thirty-five years, leader of the choir for fifteen years. For many years he was a member of the school board. He also attained high rank in the lodges of his town. Having held all of the different offices in the Masonic Order in his local lodge, he was promoted to the position of Tyler of the Iowa Grand Lodge, and later elected to the position of Grand Master, it being the highest office in the State Masonic Order of Iowa.

He was also a member of the Knights Templar Order of his home town, then promoted to the position of High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1894, Commander of the Knights Templar in 1909.

He served his county in the House of Representatives during the Twenty-seventh General Assembly and later was elected State Senator from the district of Washington and Henry, serving with credit to his constituency during the Twenty-eighth General Assembly.

He was married on January 7, 1874. His wife preceded him in death, in 1919. He leaves three children, Raymond B. Alberson, General Counsel

for the Bankers Life Insurance Company of Des Moines; two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Boyer and Mrs. Garth H. Deuel, both of Moravia, California. Mr. Alberson spent the closing years of his life with his daughters.

In the passing of such a helpful and distinguished citizen, the city of Washington and the entire state of Iowa have suffered a real loss.

The committee directs that a copy of this memorial be printed in the Journal of the Senate, and a copy hereof be transmitted to the family.

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WILLIAM S. BAIRD

The committee which was appointed to prepare a memorial commemorating the life, character, and service of the late Senator William S. Baird of Council Bluffs, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following:

Senator William S. Baird was born at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the third day of June, 1863. After finishing the public schools he entered Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, from which school he graduated in 1884. Three years later, he was admitted to the practice of law in the state of Iowa.

On January 9, 1895, he was united in marriage to Anna E. Wood. To this union were born six children of whom John W., Robert M., and Donald P., now survive. In 1930, Senator Baird married Cecelia B. Mulqueen, who lives to mourn his passing.

For many years he was a director of the State Savings Bank in Council Bluffs. In 1918, Senator Baird was elected to the position of Vice President and Trust Officer in this bank, which position he held until his death.

He was kind, considerate and generous—serving well in every capacity in which he was engaged. During his career he was a trustee of Cornell College. He was also a trustee of the free public library in Council Bluffs.

Senator Baird was active in the interests of his community both civic and social. His fraternal affiliations included membership in the Masonic order and Knights of Pythias.

He was a prominent Republican and his death on the twelfth day of May, 1933, was a severe shock to his family and many friends.

Senator Baird was elected to the Iowa State Senate from Pottawattamie county in 1920 and served in the Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, Fortieth extraordinary, Forty-first, Forty-second, Forty-second extraordinary, and Forty-third and Forty-fourth General Assemblies. He is remembered by those who served with him as a conscientious, dependable and outstanding member of the Senate. He was an honor to his district and state and although his labors are ended, the good he did lives after him. It is with real sorrow that the Iowa Senate takes note of his passing, for the loss occasioned by the passing of this sterling and worthy public servant cannot be easily forgotten; his duty as a citizen and statesman