

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal and copies sent to the members of the family.

WM S. BEARDSLEY,
H. W. EDWARDS,
ORA E. HUSTED,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

E. W. ROMKEY

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the late E. W. Romkey, begs leave to submit the following:

E. W. Romkey was born July 3, 1869, on a farm near Burlington, Iowa, and died May 1, 1936, at Burlington.

Mr. Romkey's early life was spent on a farm, during which time he attended rural school; later he graduated from business college. His character and ability are reflected by the fact that his life was spent in public service from 1900 on. In 1908 he was married to Nellie Lloyd and to them were born two children, Helen and Donald.

He was elected to the General Assembly in 1922 and served during the Fortieth, Fortieth Extra, and Forty-first Sessions. His service as a member of the Senate was such as to mark him as one of the outstanding members of this body; therefore,

Be It Resolved, That in the passing of the Honorable E. W. Romkey the state of Iowa has lost a faithful servant and a man of quality and worth.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JAMES M. BELL,
A. CLAIRE DEWEY,
SANFORD ZEIGLER, JR.,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

FRANK E. THOMPSON

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions commemorating the life, character and public services of the late Frank E. Thompson, begs leave to submit the following:

Frank E. Thompson was born in Grandview, Louisa county, Iowa, December 13, 1873, and died in Burlington, September 19, 1932. His parents were John W. and Mary (See) Thompson. He attended public school, high school at Winfield and at Muscatine, and was graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa in 1896. The same year he began the practice of law in Burlington, continuing it until failing health caused his retirement from active work some three years before

his death. He was prominent in his profession, especially in the trial of criminal cases.

He gave his allegiance to the Republican party and was the chairman of his county committee for some time. In 1904 he was elected county attorney for Des Moines county and served two years. In 1914 he was elected senator, and was re-elected in 1918, and served inclusively from the Thirty-sixth to the Thirty-ninth General Assemblies; therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate: That in the passing of the Honorable Frank E. Thompson the state has lost a faithful servant and an honorable citizen.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

JAMES M. BELL,
A. CLAIRE DEWEY,
SANFORD ZEIGLER, JR.,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

THOMAS H. SMITH

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Honorable Thomas H. Smith of Harlan, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Thomas H. Smith, son of Paris S. and Nancy Jane Smith, was born September 30, 1854, in Appanoose county, Iowa, on the banks of a rather famous stream known as "Soap Creek". Mr. Smith's father was a native of Ohio, his mother a native of West Virginia. His great grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Smith was raised on a farm in Davis county and his elementary education was received in the country schools, supplemented by a course in the Southern Iowa Normal School in Bloomfield, one of Mr. Smith's instructors being Hon. George W. Cullison, later his partner in the practice of law at Harlan. Mr. Smith at the age of 18 years began teaching country school, putting in his spare time reading law with Attorney M. H. Jones of Bloomfield. At the age of 23 Mr. Smith was admitted to the bar. He moved to Harlan where he began practicing law.

On the afternoon of May 31, 1878, he rode into Harlan on horseback, having borrowed a horse from an uncle of his residing in Davis county. In after years, Mr. Smith made no secret of the fact that at the time of coming to Shelby county he was exceedingly short of money. He first rented one small room which served as his bedroom as well as his office, his furniture consisting of one rude cot, two rickety chairs, a table, a hand-made bench and a hand-made bookcase of two shelves. His law library consisted of four books, and his office equipment a bottle of ink and one pen. His total means, so his biography recites, consisted of \$150.