

Mr. Tunis H. Klein, an esteemed lifelong resident of Pella, Iowa, was born March 14, 1888, one of the five children of Antonie T. and Jennie Akkerman Klein. He passed on to his eternal reward February 21, 1965, at the age of 76.

He was united in marriage December 3, 1913, with Jessie M. Forsyth of Humboldt, Iowa. Surviving are Mrs. Klein and two children, Donald F. and Mrs. John H. (Bonnie) Smith, now both of Rock Valley, Iowa, five grandchildren and two sisters.

Tunis H. Klein was a graduate of the University of Iowa and Drake University Law School in 1913 and practiced law in Pella, Iowa, for fifty years, during which time he was a member of the Iowa State Bar Association.

He was a member of the Second Reformed Church and the Masonic Lodge.

He served with honor and distinction in the Iowa Senate in the Fifty-first, Fifty-second, and Fifty-second Extraordinary General Assemblies—1945 and 1947—and as mayor of Pella for nine consecutive years from 1949 to 1958.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly of Iowa:* That in passing of the Honorable Tunis H. Klein, the state has lost a valued public servant and honored citizen and by this resolution tenders its sympathy and best wishes to Mrs. Klein and members of the family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread on the Journal of the Senate and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward an enrolled copy of this resolution to Mrs. Klein, and his son and daughter.

STANLEY M. HEABERLIN, *Chairman,*  
J. HENRY LUCKEN,  
JOHN A. WALKER,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### WILLIAM McARTHUR

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Honorable William McArthur, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

William McArthur was born on a farm near Mason City, July 15, 1886, and passed away October 22, 1963.

In addition to his widow Avice, Mr. McArthur is survived by a son, Dan Neil of Mason City, and two daughters, Mrs. S. K. Fosholt of Muscatine, Iowa; and Mrs. D. S. Beshers, New York City.

William McArthur graduated from Iowa State College with a BSA degree in 1910, a Professional Master's degree in 1923. Member of Adalante Fraternity and Alpha Zetz, honorary Agricultural Fraternity.

William McArthur was a longtime federal farm program official. He was a member of the original three-man "Corn-Hog" committee which

administered the first New Deal farm program in Iowa in 1933-35. He also served on the AAA state committee. Mr. McArthur became chief of the grain division of the Commodity Credit Corporation in Washington, D. C., in 1940. He remained active in positions of importance in that agency until his retirement in 1954. Mr. McArthur's work in the allocation of grain for export during the post World War II period won him a Legion of Honor award from the French government. He also served on the U. S. delegation to the international wheat council.

Mr. McArthur served Cerro Gordo and Hancock Counties in the Iowa Senate from 1933 to 1936. He served in the Iowa House as Cerro Gordo County State Representative in 1959.

*Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-first General Assembly:* That in the passing of the Honorable William McArthur the state has lost a valuable, loyal, and honored citizen, and by this resolution tenders its sincere sympathy to the members of the family.

*Be It Further Resolved:* That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and the Secretary be directed to send an enrolled copy to each member of his family.

DELBERT FLOY, *Chairman*,  
ROBERT R. RIGLER,  
LEO ELTHON,

*Committee.*

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

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#### LEROY S. MERCER

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character and public service of the late Leroy S. Mercer, begs leave to submit the following:

Leroy S. Mercer was born in Newcomerstown, Ohio, on November 30, 1889, son of S. W. and Harriet Keast Mercer. He was graduated from Iowa City high school in 1908 and attended the University of Iowa where he became a member of Phi Kappa Psi.

He was married to Isabelle Brant on September 6, 1913.

Mr. Mercer's career of public service began in 1929 when he was elected to the city council. He was a Councilman until his election to the State House of Representatives in 1932. He served three terms as Johnson County's Representative.

After two years absence from the Statehouse, he was elected State Senator from the old Johnson-Iowa county district and served in that post from 1941 to 1953.

Mr. Mercer was elected to the city council of Iowa City in November, 1953, and named Mayor when he took his seat in January, 1954. He continued as mayor all through his four-year council term.

A divided Iowa City council turned to him again in April, 1962. Chosen from a list of 53 suggested, Mr. Mercer was selected unanimously by the four remaining members of the council and again named Mayor.