

JACK DRAKE

Jack Drake was born on July 29, 1934 at the family home south of Walnut, Iowa. He attended country school and graduated from Atlantic High School in 1952. He married Shirley Joan Bess on June 27, 1954 in Griswold and their union created four children.

After high school he attended the University of Iowa and in 1955 he began his career in farming. He was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1992 and served until his death. He served eleven and half terms, including five extra sessions.

He served a variety of roles in many different civic organizations as he was committed to public service. Some of the roles included, Vice President of the Pottawattamie County Zoning Commission, President of the Pottawattamie Extension Council, President and Voting Delegate of the East Pottawattamie Farm Bureau, Iowa Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Vice President and organizing member of the Pottawattamie County Taxpayers Association and the Walnut Telephone Company Board Secretary.

During his time as a legislator, his wife, Shirley was his clerk, working side by side with him here and at home.

Jack was a Republican from Cass/Pottawattamie County. During his time he served on the following committees: Chair of Agriculture, Agriculture and Natural Resource Appropriations, Vice-President of State Government, member of Appropriations, Ways and Means, International Relations, Economic Development, Energy and Environmental Protection. He served as a member of many Interim Study Committees and board and commissions.

Representative Drake passed away on October 11, 2015 at the age of 81.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF IOWA, That in the passing of the Honorable Jack Drake, 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.

TOM MOORE
LISA HEDDENS
CECIL DOLECHECK
Committee