

JANIS I. TORRENCE LAUGHLIN

Janis “Jan” I. Torrence Laughlin was born September 13, 1926 in Montpelier, Iowa. She graduated from Wilton High School in 1945. She had three children and a step-daughter and was married in 1945 and in 1985.

She worked as a teller and secretary at the former Wilton Savings Bank & First National Bank in Muscatine. She worked as a clerk in the Muscatine County Treasurer’s and Assessor’s offices for twenty years. Jan served as a Muscatine County Board of Supervisors for six years. She was a member of the Moscow United Methodist Church, Wilton American Legion Auxiliary and Jassamine Chapter #125 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Her political career was launched due to her involvement in Concerned Citizens Organization, a grassroots movement that opposed a zoning ordinance. During a House Concurrent Resolution, she was recognized for her outstanding contributions to Iowa and for her accomplishment as America’s Timeless Pioneers.

Jan was a Republican from Muscatine County. She was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in the fall of 1982 serving two terms. During her time she served on the following committees: Energy, Human Resources, Local Government and two interim study committees.

Representative Torrence Laughlin passed away on July 15, 2014 at the age of 87.

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 Janis I. Torrence Laughlin, 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 her 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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MARY MASCHER
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Committee