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I speak today in memory of Isadore Iverson...He was born in Käll, Sweden, September 6, 1897. With his parents in 1910 he emigrated to this country coming to Minnesota to settle in eastern Aitkin County, an area which at that time was being developed for agriculture. He opened the first garage in that area in 1919 in East Lake. Seven years later he relocated a short distance away at McGregor, where he opened the the Chevrolet Garage which he operated for 42 years, one of the oldest dealerships in the State at the time he retired in 1963.

In June 1931 he was married to Agnes Jensen, who is here today. Also present, their son Donald Iverson and his wife Elizabeth of Prior Lake, a brother, Oscar Iverson of McGregor, his wife Bonnie, their sons Greg and Eric.

Isadore Iverson helped the village of McGregor develop through many decades. He was the man who started the first electric generating plant in McGregor; he joined with others to found the McGregor Fire Department. During many years that followed he helped lead the community to develop their municipal airport, and was Chairman of the McGregor Economic Development Association. In 1936 he was elected State Representative and he served during the 1937-38 Session in this House. He also served on the Aitkin County Planning Commission as Chairman; the Aitkin County Selective Service Board; and as a representative from his county on the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission. He was a member of the Aitkin Masonic Lodge, AF and AM.

In addition to public duties Isadore Iverson was a year round sportsman; he was always a source of information for many of us on deer hunting and on conservation matters; He bought and developed land to be used mainly for wild life habitat for deer and waterfowl. Even after retirement he was one of the busiest men in town. Throughout Aitkin County he was well known. He was respected and held in affection. He was truly "a man for all seasons". The poet asked "who is the happy warrior? who is he, that every man in arms should wish to be?" Many of us say "we knew this happy warrior: It was Isador Iverson. Those of us who knew him, are thankful, that he was with us for many years. We hold his memory dear.

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