

“Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:

In accordance with the Resolution of the Senate, we pause today for a few moments to commemorate the former members of this body who have, since our last Session, departed this life and entered the portals of the great beyond.

We do this to show our respect for those former members whose voices are stilled forever; to express our sympathy to their loved ones and to permanently record the necrology of their lives.”

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Hennepin, Mr. Deumke, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

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Lowell, the poet, in his tribute to his friend, Agassiz, wrote:

‘His magic was not far to seek,—
He was so human! Whether strong or weak,
Far from his kind he neither sank or soared,
But sate an equal guest at every board:
No beggar ever felt him condescend,
No prince presume; for still himself he bear
At manhood’s simple level, and where’ere
He met a stranger, there he left a friend.’

→ Here, in more eloquent words than I could ever hope to utter, is an expression of the regard with which we in the 29th district retain for our late Senator Burton L. Kingsley.

It was singularly fitting, and surely as the late Senator Kingsley would have willed it, that he reached the end of his career February 16, 1944, in the hospital that is part of the University of Minnesota; for during his Legislative career, Senator Kingsley had been chairman of the University Committee.

He was born in the family home that stood on what is now part of the University of Minnesota campus March 9, 1879, and had lived his entire life span of 64 years in our district.

Although the late Senator Kingsley never attended the University of Minnesota himself, his brothers, sisters and children did. Thus his association with the institution was lifelong.

Burton L. Kingsley served conscientiously in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1919 to 1935, and with honor in the Minnesota State Senate from 1935 until the time of his untimely passing.

Prior to being elected to the legislature, Mr. Kingsley was a member of the Minneapolis Park Board for 15 years and had been its president. He also had been chief of the Minneapolis Park Police and a State Fire Marshal.

The late Senator held a commission as captain in World War I and rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Minnesota State Guard of which he was a member for 17 years.

He received his education in the Minneapolis public schools and was a member of First Congregational church. He also was past patron of Rolla Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star and a member

of Zarathan Blue Lodge of the Masonic Order, of Cecil Kyle American Legion Post and of Scottish Rite.

Senator Kingsley was an ardent adherent of Minnesota athletic teams and seldom missed a major inter-collegiate event. Fishing, especially at Lake Minnetonka, was his second major recreation, and he was an enthusiastic reader when pressure of duty would permit.

Survivors include his widow, Marie; one daughter, Mrs. Raymond G. Anderson; and two sons, Burton E., RM 3/c and Wendell H., S 1/c, with the navy in the South Pacific.

However, bare recital of the facts of his life, impressive as they are, fail to do justice to the late Senator Burton L. Kingsley.

His was a rich and abundant life, as stressed by the Rev. Phillip E. Gregory, who conducted last rites for the late Senator Kingsley at First Congregational church.

In his eulogy, the Rev. Gregory lauded Senator Kingsley for having lived a life of civic responsibility to all people; a life of devotion, love and courage.

We who were privileged to know Burt concur wholeheartedly in Rev. Gregory's tribute to him.

East Minneapolis and this Senate still mourn the loss of a spirited leader, enthusiastic booster and loyal friend. Senator Kingsley's passing is an irreplaceable loss, not only in the life of our community, but in the service of this State."

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Winona, Mr. Galvin, who offered the following tribute and addressed the Senate as follows:

"Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:

Senator Murphy was a successful business man and a successful farmer. All during his business career he was a dealer for John Deere farm machinery and in 1908 established a dealership for Ford automobiles. His agricultural, financial and business interests were varied and extensive. In 1940 Senator Murphy had occasion to commemorate, with the assistance of his numerous friends, the 50th anniversary of his business dealings with the John Deere Company.

All during the life of the late Senator Murphy he fought for honesty and economy in government. He never hesitated to call attention to a misleading or improper statement regardless of its source. He constantly fought to keep the cost of government at a minimum.

Senator Murphy is survived by two sons, D. Vincent Murphy of Blue Earth, and Lt. Cyril C. Murphy of the United States Army, and two daughters, Leone (Mrs. E. J. Murphy) of Minneapolis, and Ayleen (Mrs. W. A. Foley) of Watertown, South Dakota, and seven grandchildren.

The loss to Senator Murphy's constituency at the time of his death was grave and deep. He was a very common man and distinctly interested in the welfare of the common man and the taxpayer who was not able to speak for himself. He lived a good and a full life and his example might well be emulated by many who survive.

It is a privilege for me to say a few words in connection with this memorial service and to pay a tribute to my friend, the late Senator