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C. Johnson, ex-legislator, dies at 85

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Former Rep. C.A. Johnson, 85, who served five terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives, died Tuesday at a Lake Crystal, Minn., nursing home.

The 5-foot-2 Johnson, known as "Little Gus" in the Legislature, was hailed by his colleagues.

Former House Speaker Lloyd Duxbury, now a vice-president of the Burlington Northern railroad, described Johnson as "one of the greatest members the House ever had."

Rep. Carl Johnson, DFL-St. Peter, said Johnson was one of the kindest persons he had ever met, and an outstanding orator.

A Mankato lawyer and former Blue Earth County attorney, Johnson was elected to the House in 1962 and served until he was defeated in 1972.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato. Burial will be in the Lake Crystal Cemetery.

Johnson is survived by two sons and a daughter.