

Friday, April 4, 1941

Winnebago, Minnesota, in the way of a memorial service. Mr. Claude Allen was called to the chair to acts as chairman of the services.

Thereafter, Messrs. Perrizo, Dammann, Hartle, Peterson, P. J. E., Bennett, Thompson, Hagen, E., Johnson, R. G., MacKinnon, Hering, Hall and Dunn respectively, were recognized and spoke in eloquent and touching tribute to the memory of the dear, devoted, and beloved comrade, William F. Merrill, who was called from their midst on April 4th, 1940.

RE-CONVENED.

Messrs. Perrizo, Dammann, Hartle, Hall and Dunn offered the following resolution:

→ *Whereas*, On the 4th day of April, 1940, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom called from our midst the Honorable William F. Merrill of Winnebago, Minnesota, who served as a distinguished member of this House during the entire period from 1929 to 1939, inclusive; and

*Whereas*, During his entire term of public service he represented the people of the seventh legislative district and the state of Minnesota with outstanding ability; and

*Whereas*, In his service rendered to the state of Minnesota he gave generously of his time between the sessions of the Legislature by serving on interim Committees and investigating Committees appointed to lay the foundation for vital and essential legislation; and

*Whereas*, In his endeavors he was ever a leader in the promotion of the general welfare of agriculture and conservation, and thereby contributed in a large measure to the commonwealth of rural Minnesota; and

*Whereas*, In his contacts with his fellow men he was ever sincere, considerate, congenial, and kindly, and in public life steadfastly devoted to the service of the best interests of the state; and

*Whereas*, He was ever possessed of broad human sympathies, a magnanimous spirit and a genteel manner that endeared him to those who knew him;

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved*, By the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota that it hereby expresses its sincere regrets at the untimely passing of William F. Merrill and hereby conveys its deepest sympathy to his bereaved family and directs that an engrossed copy of this resolution as adopted be sent to his family as a mark of our esteem and a token of affection for a very devoted friend and public servant; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to send an engraved copy of this resolution, as engrossed, to the family of the deceased.

Mr. Perrizo moved that the resolution be adopted.

Which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

MOTION FOR A SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Allen moved that H. F. Nos. 1308, 1439 and 1456 be made a Special Order for Wednesday, April 9th at 11:00 A. M.

Which motion prevailed and it was so ordered.