

Senator Sundberg was a farmer and business man of the Red River Valley. He had large and varied interests which made heavy demands upon his time and strength, but he was never too busy to attend to his duties as a citizen and especially those imposed upon him by the votes of his constituents. He was intensely patriotic and appreciated to the full the great opportunities and privileges spread before him by his adopted country and in return he gave her his whole hearted allegiance and service. He was well versed in the affairs of state and nation and took a keen and sympathetic interest in all their varied activities. As a legislator he had great breadth of vision. He wanted the best things for the people of his state and was vigilant and courageous in safeguarding their rights. His private life was pure and upright. He was devoted to his family, loyal to his friends and generous and courteous to all. In his death his community and the state lose a very useful and valued citizen.

This Senate unites with his family and friends in doing honor to his memory.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS—CONTINUED.

Mr. Peterson moved the adoption of the foregoing memorial resolution.

Which memorial resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

IN MEMORIAM—HONORABLE GEORGE P. WILSON.

Mr. Fowler announced the death since the last session of the Honorable G. P. Wilson and moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to prepare an appropriate memorial to be spread upon the pages of the Permanent Journal.

Which motion prevailed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The President announced the appointment of Messrs. Fowler, Rockne and Putnam as members of the committee in accordance with the foregoing motion.

IN MEMORIAM—HONORABLE VIRGIL B. SEWARD.

Mr. Hall announced the death since the last session of the Honorable Virgil B. Seward and moved that a committee of three be appointed by the President to prepare an appropriate memorial to be spread upon the pages of the Permanent Journal.

Which motion prevailed.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The President announced the appointment of Messrs. Hall, Sullivan, G. H., and Putnam as members of the committee in accordance with the foregoing motion.

IN MEMORIAM—HONORABLE VIRGIL B. SEWARD. 

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To the Honorable State Senate of the State of Minnesota:

Your Special Committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a memorial resolution commemorative of the life and service of the late Honorable Virgil B. Seward, of Lyon County, who was a former member of the Senate of the State of Minnesota, respectfully submits the following:

Senator Virgil B. Seward was born in Indiana, in 1854, and came to Mankato, Minnesota, in 1855 and was there educated; chose legal profession for his life work; was admitted to the Bar at Mankato, and there commenced the practice of his profession; shortly thereafter he moved to Marshall, Lyon County, Minnesota, then a growing community, and there spent the remainder of his life in the practice of his chosen profession. Mr. Seward was married, and his wife survives him.

Mr. Seward held, in his life time, various county and municipal offices, all of which positions he ably and creditably filled. He was elected from Lyon County to the Senate in 1906 and served in the 1907 and 1909 Sessions thereof.

Mr. Seward was an able lawyer and actively practiced his profession up to the time of his death. In the local affairs of his city, he was always active; always ready to render service when requested and was always true to the best interests of his community; he was broad minded, petty things never disturbed him; he was of a genial character and made many friends who always remained true and loyal to him.

Mr. Seward during his service in the Senate was always active for the best interests of the State; he was a diligent and influential member of the Senate, active in committee work, and his dominant personality made him a valuable floor leader thereof; to cope with Mr. Seward in debate, his opponent had to be sure of his ground.

Mr. Seward because of his character, geniality, and learning held the esteem and warm friendship of all of the members of the Senate during his service therein, and it is simply a deserving tribute to him to say that in his death, his community and State has been deprived of a useful and honored citizen.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, of the State of Minnesota:

That through the death of the Honorable Virgil B. Seward, the State has lost one of its ablest citizens, a man who devoted his best ideals and service to the State, and those who served with him in Legislative work and all others who intimately knew him, will always mourn his loss and the State, its citizens, and his community will always remember him as an able officer and citizen whose life and labors were devoted to their interests.

That with the deepest sympathy we convey to his bereaved wife and family, our sincere condolence in the great personal loss suffered by them through his death.

That the citizens of his community and of his State will always remember him as a good citizen and one who in public service always acted for the best interests of the public.

And be it further resolved, that this report, together with the resolutions forming a part thereof shall be spread upon the Journals of the Senate, and an engrossed copy thereof be forwarded to the family of the departed Senator.

JAMES H. HALL,
G. H. SULLIVAN,
FRANK E. PUTNAM,

Committee.

Mr. Hall, James H., then moved the adoption of the foregoing memorial resolution.

Which memorial resolution was then unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.