

members of this legislature extend to La Verne F. Hall hearty congratulations upon winning the national achievement championship and bringing recognition to Wisconsin's farming industry, and commend to all young Americans the industrious and persevering endeavor which won for him such outstanding success; be it further

Resolved, That a properly attested copy of this resolution be sent to La Verne F. Hall.

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No. 10, 1947.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to the life and public service of John Gamper.

John Gamper, seven times elected member of the Assembly from Taylor county, died October 29, 1946 at the age of 86 in the city of Medford where he lived since his retirement in 1934.

Mr. Gamper was born in Chur, Switzerland on February 11, 1860 where he attended the common, high and normal schools. He received his higher education at the University of Zurich where he studied the Greek classics, German literature and history under the distinguished tutelage of Professor Gottfried Kinkel, whose great moral and intellectual influence reputedly put the cost of inflexible integrity into the character of Carl Schurz, the late German-American statesman.

He came to the United States when he was 23 years of age. Upon his arrival he joined the editorial staff of a German newspaper in St. Louis. Later he worked at Sauk City and in 1885 moved to Taylor county, homesteading about 4 miles northwest of Medford. He also owned farms in Deer Creek and Browning and operated a dairy farm until he moved to the city of Medford 12 years ago.

Mr. Gamper held numerous positions and offices of trust and confidence, the most important being member of the Assembly, and register of deeds and sheriff of Taylor county. His history in the legislature is unique in that he was first elected to the Assembly in 1914 as a Democrat and thereafter was re-

elected 6 times to that office as an adherent of the progressive wing of the Republican party.

Mr. Gamper was painstaking and conscientious in the performance of his duties as a legislator and firmly believed in the responsibility of the individual member to improve legislative processes. He favored an interstate agency designed as a clearing house for all legislation and to furnish to legislators without cost the benefit of researches conducted by governmental and other agencies throughout the United States.

In 1931 after an organization for that purpose had been organized Mr. Gamper with 5 other members of the Assembly introduced a resolution which passed both houses commending the American Legislators' Association and the Interstate Legislative Reference Bureau for their constructive efforts to assist legislators in the efficient performance of their work.

Mr. Gamper performed his official duties in a dignified and businesslike manner. He appreciated the privilege of serving and demonstrated a kind consideration toward all who called upon him for assistance. His friendliness and courteous manner made for him many friends.

Although not a joiner Mr. Gamper had many acquaintances whom he enjoyed engaging in conversation. He was a member of the Community Evangelical Church of Medford for many years which he regularly attended.

He left surviving him his wife, Louise Lindow Camper and six daughters: Mrs. Alma Mills of South Milwaukee; Mrs. Clara Lange of Chippewa Falls; Mrs. Lena Rehbein and Mrs. Ida Kleiber of Medford; Mrs. Alvina O'Neal and Mrs. Mina Sellin of Milwaukee.

In view of his noble character, his contribution to the welfare of his community and state, and his fine record in public office; be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the foregoing resolution be spread upon the Assembly journal and that properly attested copies be sent to the family of the deceased.