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OF THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH  
REMARKS PRESENTED IN EULOGY OF

## Thomas L. Rubey

LATE A REPRESENTATIVE  
FROM MISSOURI



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## House Resolution No. 295

MONDAY, January 21, 1929.

Mr. FRENCH. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Committee on Memorials I offer a resolution, which I send to the Clerk's desk, and move its adoption.

The SPEAKER. The gentleman from Idaho presents a resolution, which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read (H. Res. 295) as follows:

*Resolved*, That on Wednesday, February 20, 1929, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on Memorials under the provisions of clause 40a of Rule XI. At the conclusion of the recess the Speaker shall call the House to order and then, as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased, he shall declare the House adjourned.

The resolution was agreed to.



## Biography

THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY was born in Lebanon, Laclede County, Mo., September 27, 1862; attended the common schools, and was graduated from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1885; superintendent of schools of Lebanon, Mo., 1886-1891; teacher in the Missouri School of Mines 1891-1898; member of the State house of representatives in 1891 and 1892; moved to La Plata, Macon County, Mo., in 1898 and organized a bank; served in the State senate 1901-1903; elected president of the senate in 1903, and upon the resignation of Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee in that year became lieutenant governor, serving in that capacity until 1905; returned to Lebanon in 1905 and engaged in banking; president of the State Bank, Lebanon, Mo., from 1914 until his death; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-second and to the four succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1911-March 3, 1921); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1920 to the Sixty-seventh Congress; elected to the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses, and served from March 4, 1923, until his death in Lebanon, Mo., November 2, 1928; interment in Lebanon Cemetery.



**Memorial Services**  
in the  
**House of Representatives**

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## Order of Exercises

Prelude, sacred selections (11.30 a. m. to 12 m.).

United States Marine Band Orchestra

Presiding Officer.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives

Invocation--The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery

Lead, Kindly Light (Buck)-----Imperial Male Quartet

Scripture reading and prayer-----The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members.

The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Devotional silence.

Address-----Hon. Charles A. Eaton  
(Representative from the State of New Jersey)

Still, Still with Thee (Gerrish)-----Quartet

Address-----Hon. Finis J. Garrett  
(Representative from the State of Tennessee)

Still Will We Trust (Flemming)-----Quartet

Benediction-----The Chaplain

Postlude-----The Orchestra



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## Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 1929.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Hon. Nicholas Longworth, presided.

The Imperial Male Quartet sang Lead, Kindly  
Light.

Scripture reading and prayer by the Chaplain,  
Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D.

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he  
leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths  
of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence  
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;  
my cup runneth over.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the  
days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the  
Lord for ever.*

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God,  
believe also in me.*

*In my Father's house are many mansions: if it  
were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare  
a place for you.*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will  
come again, and receive you unto myself; that where  
I am, there ye may be also.*

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*And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:*

*And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.*

*Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?*

*And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

*In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

*And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:*

*And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.*

*And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

[Members standing.]

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, this is a solemn moment. Would that our lips were nigh to full speech; yet we thank Thee that hope, pensive and wondering, finds its secret joy. Again and again the silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher at the fountain and the wheel at the cistern. O how true, merciful God, that our toms are entangled with our tasks; yet those who journey this way may come to their crown and throne. Thou wilt not forget their works of faith and their labors of love among us. They rose to the level of pure

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thinking. They felt the throbs of the common heart and scorned to do the evil thing. They have bequeathed us noble examples, for with distinction, patience, and gentleness they served their day. We have shared their joys; we now pay our grateful tributes. This hour we unite our hearts with all sorrowing ones. Heaven drop its charm of richest gifts upon them. We praise Thee that there is no death. The mists that are now so thick will soon lift and drift away, for behind is the sunlight. They have entered through the hidden portals and have gained the vision in that summer land of the soul, where morning becomes noon and the curtain of night is never hung. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Clerk of the House, Mr. William Tyler Page, read the roll of deceased Members:

FRANK ROBERT GOODING, Senator from the State of Idaho.—

Member of the Idaho Senate; Governor of Idaho, two terms; twice elected United States Senator. Died June 24, 1928.

WILLIAM NEWELL VAILE, First Congressional District of Colorado.—Member of the House of Representatives, Sixty-sixth and each succeeding Congress. Died July 2, 1927.

MARTIN BARNABY MADDEN, First Congressional District of Illinois.—Member of the Chicago City Council and its presiding officer; Member of the House of Representatives, Fifty-ninth and each succeeding Congress; chairman of the Committee on Appropriations. Died April 27, 1928.

THADDEUS C. SWEET, Thirty-second Congressional District of New York.—Member of the General Assembly of the State of New York; speaker of the assembly, 1914-1920; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses. Died May 1, 1928.

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THOMAS S. BUTLER, Eighth Congressional District of Pennsylvania.—Member of the House of Representatives of the Fifty-fifth and each succeeding Congress; father of the House; chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs. Died May 26, 1928.

HENRY RIGGS RATHBONE.—Member of the House of Representatives from the State of Illinois at large in the Sixty-eighth, Sixty-ninth, and Seventieth Congresses. Died July 15, 1928.

LOUIS ADAMS FROTHINGHAM, Fourteenth Congressional District of Massachusetts.—Member of the Massachusetts Legislature; speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives; Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts; Member of the United States House of Representatives, Sixty-seventh and each succeeding Congress. Died August 23, 1928.

THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, Sixteenth Congressional District of Missouri.—Member of the Senate and of the House of the General Assembly of Missouri; president pro tempore of the Missouri Senate; Lieutenant Governor of Missouri; Member of the House of Representatives from the Sixty-second to the Sixty-sixth Congress, inclusive, and from the Sixty-eighth to the Seventieth Congress. Died November 2, 1928.

WILLIAM ALLAN OLDFIELD, Second Congressional District of Arkansas.—Member of the House of Representatives, Sixty-first and each succeeding Congress; member of the Committee on Ways and Means; minority whip of the House; chairman of the Democratic national congressional committee. Died November 19, 1928.

CHARLES LEE FAUST, Fourth Congressional District of Missouri.—Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh and each succeeding Congress. Died December 17, 1928.

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EDWARD JOHN KING, Fifteenth Congressional District of Illinois.—Member of the Illinois Legislature four terms; Member of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth and each succeeding Congress. Died February 17, 1929.

Then followed one minute of devotional silence.

### ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES A. EATON

*Of New Jersey*

Mr. SPEAKER: Since July, 1927, eleven of our distinguished colleagues have died in the service of their country, nine of the number within the short space of nine months in the year just passed and one only three days ago.

In this memorial service we are seeking to express our sense of personal loss; our grief over brave comrades fallen by our side in battle; our sincere sympathy for their loved ones in the family circle, whose sorrow we share.

And some of us, at least, cherish the hope that this tragic toll exacted by the Grim Reaper may awaken the American people to a new understanding of the ever-increasing burden of toil and responsibility which our complex civilization places upon their elected Representatives.

We want all the world to know that we loved these fallen comrades of ours; that we revere their memory; that we are proud and grateful to have been associated with them in service; and that, however sharply divided by the accident of party attachment, or by reasoned opinion, we were and are united always in respect for their sincerity

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of conviction, their unblemished personal honor, their devotion to duty, their singleness of patriotic purpose.

It would be hard to assemble a group of eleven men from widely separated sections of our great country who more exactly represent in their individual endowments and experience the multiform genius of American life at its best.

GOODING, OF IDAHO

Rising from humble beginnings, step by step, to deserve and receive the highest honors within the gift of his fellow citizens. Twice elected governor of his State. Since 1920 a distinguished Member of the Senate of the United States. His most striking characteristic, a high and chivalrous courage. His passing removes from the Senate one of its strong men.

VAILE, OF COLORADO

Gifted author; formidable in debate; intensely American in ideals and point of view; called suddenly in the prime of his strong manhood from the lofty outlook of his beloved mountains to the infinite horizons of eternity.

MADDEN, OF ILLINOIS

From the beginning of his long years of service, a recognized leader in this body. Wise and witty; shrewd and penetrating of judgment; without illusions and without cynicism. Governed always by a profound sense of moral obligation in handling the heavy responsibilities of his position as

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chairman of the Appropriations Committee, he was a great human, richly deserving the unstinted and unanimous affection and confidence of his colleagues.

### RATHBONE, OF ILLINOIS

Disciple and interpreter of the immortal Lincoln. Eloquent of speech. Ungrudging of service, he literally gave his life for the honor and privilege of representing in this House the vast and varied interests of his great State.

### KING, OF ILLINOIS

For 14 years a Member of this House. Honored three times in early life by election to the general assembly of his State. An efficient attorney of his home city of Galesburg. His ability, his fine moral qualities, his genius for friendship gave him a permanent place in the affection and memory of his colleagues.

### OLDFIELD, OF ARKANSAS

Sturdy and worthy son of the great, young Southwest. A man foursquare. Honored and trusted by all his colleagues in his position of leadership.

### RUBEY AND FAUST, OF MISSOURI

Of differing political principles and party loyalties, these two distinguished sons of Missouri had much in common. Country bred, they fearlessly followed their stars of destiny out into the wider world of affairs. They were one in their high moral standard, their love of country and home,

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their sense of service. To each of them their fellow citizens gave ungrudging honor, and each left to his loved ones the priceless heritage of a stainless name.

SWEET, OF NEW YORK

Descended from a family closely identified with General Washington in the Revolutionary War. Speaker of the New York Assembly for six years. A seasoned veteran in the exacting work of public service, his tragic death took from this Chamber one of its most useful and trusted Members.

BUTLER, OF PENNSYLVANIA

The elder statesman of the House. Carrying for long years heavy burdens as a member and as chairman of the Committee on Naval Affairs; inflexible of purpose; of unaffected simplicity and sweetness of nature. He knew how to soften the asperities of political conflict by the magic touch of a delicate, whimsical humor, and to win and hold the affection of every man with whom he had to do.

FROTHINGHAM, OF MASSACHUSETTS

American gentleman of the old school. Incarnating in mind and character and long years of honorable public service the noblest and finest traditions of his native New England.

GENERAL OBITUARY

These men were unlike in temperament, in training, in point of view, in method, in historic

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background. They came from far-separated sections of our common country. Yet they were amazingly alike in their possession of and by those invincible, eternal, spiritual fundamentals upon which our American civilization is builded and which, for our people at least, constitute what Herbert Hoover so aptly calls "the surer forces of human advancement."

It would be a labor of love could we spend the whole time allotted us to-day in completely reviewing the qualities of mind and heart of our fallen comrades; in evaluating their individual contributions to their time and country; in paying grateful tribute to their hallowed memories; in making full acknowledgment of our personal debt to each and all of them for the stimulus and inspiration of their lives.

But I am confident that these departed comrades of ours would rather have us at this time turn to the consideration of certain great central realities upon which their lives were builded and which the occasion clothes for us who remain in the glory of a new understanding.

First. These were men of strong religious faith.

They would therefore have us face to-day with them and in this way the stupendous fact of death as the common lot and destiny of mankind. The Scottish bard sang of his dead hero:

Now is the stately column broke,  
The beacon fire is quenched in smoke,  
The trumpet's silver sound is still,  
The warder silent on the hill.

And this simple dirge may and must describe the fate of every man:

The clouds that gather 'round the setting sun do take a sober coloring from an eye that hath kept watch o'er man's mortality.

What, then, would these friends of ours, so lately translated from the happy companionship of our common labors to the mystery and majesty of the grave, have us think? We must decide to accept, as they did, one of two alternatives. We can think of death for them and for ourselves as the end of all being. Or we can face the experience through which they have passed and through which we must pass fortified by an invincible faith that death is merely the gateway to an eternal existence, glorious, satisfying, unshadowed by sin and sorrow and weakness.

If we follow the faith of the men in whose honor we are met to-day, we will choose the second of these alternatives.

And we will make this choice as we believe they made it—because of the common consent of mankind illumined and crowned by the glorious liberating teachings of the Christian religion.

It were folly to deny or ignore the universal all-engulfing force of death. Everywhere in nature death is the night of which life is the day. Death is the autumn of life's spring; the harvest of life's seedtime. They belong together. Death is the supreme reconstructor; the universal leveler; the great essential in all progress.

In life all rivers run their own course through their own channels and country. In death all

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rivers reach the sea. In life we are divided; in death united. Life has infinite diversities of character and function and relationship. Death is the infinite harmonizer and unifier. Life gives the individual his chance. Death restores him to the mass. Men live and die, but man abides.

There is one question which since time began has stirred the hearts and disturbed the minds of men—"If a man die, shall he live again?"

Through the long centuries in every phase and step of civilization men have been irresistibly moved by a universal instinct or a deep, inexpungeable spiritual hunger to believe in the reality of a spiritual world lying far outside and above the world of material sense, to which humanity belongs and in which lie the final sanctions for human conduct.

This universal hunger for life after death has created the many religions of mankind. It has erected everywhere in all ages temples and shrines. Some shadowed by the horrors of ignorance and superstition. Some glorious with the effulgence of a noble and understanding faith. But all alike the sign and symbol of that universal human passion for life which will not and can not die.

These fallen comrades of ours believed that in the Christian faith they had found not only the final answer to the world's quest for life, but also the ultimate moral ground upon which can be created a progressive, social, and political state. They died sustained by the glorious Christian hope of life beyond the grave. They have bequeathed to their loved families and to us and to the world

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this heritage of an all-conquering faith. Whatever else of precious memory they have left us who remain for a time behind them, they, I am sure, would commend to us the exhortation of the good American poet:

Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,  
As the swift seasons roll!  
Leave thy low-vaulted past!  
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast,  
Till thou at length art free,  
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea!

Second. These comrades of ours were in the noblest sense American-minded men.

They loved their country. They were the product of its institutions, the very incarnation of its spirit. They held in sacred honor those principles of life and government and social progress which have made America the land of opportunity, the door of hope for all its people.

Like ourselves, they were here as elected Representatives of all the people. By the judgment and choice of free men and women they became the official exponents of free self-government, the most difficult and desirable achievement of morally responsible beings.

They, like ourselves, were sent here to guarantee human rights, to redress wrongs, to secure equal justice, to solve the perplexing problems of economic and social progress, to make real that haunting dream of the ages—government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

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They were real men representing real people. In their weakness and strength, their successes and failures, they faithfully expressed the spiritual and intellectual qualities of those who sent them here. And when, worn out by the cares and burdens of public service, they passed through the narrow gateway of death, they became one with the common lot and destiny of all mankind.

In the Epistle to the Hebrews there occurs a remarkable discussion of faith as a primal faculty of the human mind, in its exercise as a controlling factor in personal conduct, and especially as it relates itself through the common experience of the individual to the progressive history of the race.

The author recites a list of illustrious names whose greatness he attributes to the exercise of this primal spiritual faculty.

By faith these ancient heroes subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

The story ends with the statement of a great universal principle governing all human experience in all ages:

These all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

The application of this amazing principle on this occasion is completely clear.

Our friends have not passed out of our lives by death. They have passed into our lives. The burden they were carrying has slipped from their

shoulders to ours. And unless we assume this responsibility we have robbed the world of the full fruition of their toil.

They did not take the final fruition of their labors with them. They left it with us as a glorious addition to our equipment for highest service here. The sowers have passed from the field. The harvest of their faithful sowing remains for us to reap.

This I believe would be the message of our fallen comrades were they permitted to speak to us to-day out of the larger wisdom and vision of that eternal life into which they have so worthily entered.

HAVE FAITH AND CARRY ON

They have left us the splendid task of continuing their work. This is but a part of the heritage of all the ages.

They held sacred the American home. We are to strive to preserve and perpetuate that holy of holies in the life of all free people so that always freedom-loving, honorable, American-minded men and women shall be cradled and prepared for life under its safe protection.

We are to perpetuate and make regnant those central spiritual realities which constitute the soul of America and which alone make possible the successful practice of free self-government.

We are to keep open and unobstructed that equality of opportunity which is at once the glory and the challenge of our American civilization.

We are to have faith in God, in whose keeping and loving care men find rest here and hereafter;

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faith in our fellow men as worthy of trust and reverence; faith in our beloved country, whose ideals, principles, and institutions have foundation and made possible so much of human happiness; faith in those beneficent universal energies which manifest their presence and power in the unfolding drama of human history.

This is that "better thing" which, using our departed fellow workers as His chosen instruments, God has provided through them for us. This is the flaming torch of life which they carried so nobly in the forefront of the fight and which now has been thrust into our waiting hands. This is the labor of love which they have left for us to carry forward. And the highest tribute we can pay their sainted memory is here and now to dedicate ourselves afresh to our common task, facing gladly with some measure of their faith and courage whatever of good or ill the days to come may hold until at last we all get home.

The quartet sang Still, Still with Thee.

ADDRESS BY HON. FINIS J. GARRETT

*Of Tennessee*

Mr. SPEAKER—

A prince once said of a king struck down:

"Taller he seems in death";

And the word holds good, for now, as then,

It is after death that we measure men.

However, sir, we have not come to measure, but to memorialize.

They were our comrades in the exacting service of a nation; we knew them; we loved them; and we mourn them.

They were among our ablest and most distinguished Members. Each had his very vivid personality, his lively individuality, and each stood with a marked degree of eminence among us.

The Congress of the United States epitomizes and expresses as no other body possibly can the genuine spirit and the profound emotion of American life.

Not infrequently the Congress is made the subject of gibe and quip and criticism. There are times when one suspects that some few of the greater journals of the country would, if they could, destroy or materially alter this particular branch as an institution of the Government. There are to be found here and there cynical citizens and self-seeking organizations that grow impatient with the legislative bodies of the Government, but, taking it by and large, it is safe to assert that it would be more difficult to work a change in this than in either of the other coordinate branches. If to-day we were suddenly called upon to frame a new Federal Government, it may be doubted whether the executive and judicial branches would be constituted in all respects as they now are, but it is extremely improbable that there would be any very great alteration in the legislative plan.

This is particularly true of the House of Representatives. Each Member of this body has a direct touch with and is responsible to and representative

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of many thousands of people. He is their first and most immediate expression in national affairs; and while here and there an exception may occur, yet as a rule the Representative is an exponent, as it were, of the thought of his district and a reflection of its ideals and character.

In the Congress therefore, as nowhere else, is to be found the mosaic which pictures the national political and civic conception and quality. The widely divergent views among Members upon some issues and questions reflect, as of course, the differences of opinion concerning the proper administration of our institutions, while the fact, overlooked by many, that the major portion of the business of Congress is virtually conducted by unanimous consent illustrates how strongly popular thought has crystallized about the basic elements in the mechanism of our system.

We seldom have now any serious contests over mere matters of procedure. Whatever complaints may be made about the rules of the House, in the end it is pretty generally realized that they are the product, not of party bias, but of public necessity, and that their construction all along has followed the lines of reason and of justice.

In these exercises of to-day we are paying respect to the memory of eleven Members of the Congress, ten from our own body and one from the Senate.

We find what we naturally would expect to find, namely, that in a group this large there is a near approach to a composite of the Congress itself.

They constitute at least a representative cross section of Congress and therefore of the Nation itself.

In general each section is represented in this list of our sacred dead—North and South, East and West, and the regions between. There are to be found, too, in the list conspicuous and nationally known representatives of the broader political and partisan aspects characteristic of a popular government such as ours, so that this day's exercises constitute not only an occasion of honor to individuals who wrought great things in a great age but a truly and distinctly national memorial function.

It is essentially and beautifully democratic. In this democracy of death there is illustrated with peculiar vividness the broad democracy peculiar to American life. Each individual represented a distinct type of personality. The political divergencies have been already adverted to, but this is by no means all. Various religious conceptions and beliefs are likewise represented in the list.

Then, too, we may without impropriety, I think, refer to the personal financial situations of the men. Some of them were men possessed of extensive resources; others were poor men possessed of only moderate means. But all were here working together in the common cause of a nation—working sedulously for its perpetuity and betterment.

I sometimes think that in nothing is the true American spirit so conspicuously reflected as it is in the fact that in the Congress there are no

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distinctions growing out of the financial condition of its Members. Members are measured here not by what they possess but by what they perform. The test is not money but mentality and character.

In this at least we approach the perfect democracy.

America, it is good to see, is rapidly becoming a land of monuments. Various civic organizations, municipalities, States, the Federal Government itself, sometimes in cooperation, sometimes each acting separately, are erecting columns and obelisks and statues to commemorate great events and to honor the memory of great men and women who have achieved things for humankind.

Some of these may be crude and inartistic, but back of them all lies the articulate spirit and purpose of a people, and it is magnificent. Every monument erected is in a way making stronger our institutions. It constitutes a perpetual reminder of what men have lived for and died for to work the weal of humanity.

We are reading just now of the rapidly culminating movement to restore and hold as an everlasting shrine the birthplace of Washington. To be sure, the fame of Washington does not at all require this for its perpetuation, but the movement is even above and beyond this; it is to express the profound feeling of a nation for the most conspicuous character in its formation and to give evidence of an unshakable purpose to preserve the institutions of government formulated under the guidance of his resolute mind and purposeful soul.

At another spot in Virginia a private organization, working under governmental auspices, is restoring and making secure the home of Jefferson—not as a monument to him, for he needs it not, but for the inspiration of mankind as a whole.

Out in a rural region of Kentucky the log cabin of a pioneer has been inclosed with a structure of marble and granite designed to defy the ravages of nature, so far as man can provide, to the end that the house in which Abraham Lincoln was born may be eternally preserved. We do not think of this as a monument to Lincoln but rather as a thing symbolic of the desire of America to give expression to the wish that the fundamental thing of her life—democracy—may be glorified and sanctified, and that hereafter as heretofore it is her desire and determination that in the Nation which Washington led to foundation and under the philosophy of government applied to it by the teachings of Jefferson, men like Lincoln shall have the opportunity of ascending to the summit of power and human glory.

The eleven men whose memory we are assembled to honor this day had their opportunity of service in the public affairs of such a nation. We can say of each of them that he seized the opportunity and strove to fill it, and did fill it, with a fine and intelligent and patriotic zeal. The life of each of them will receive from other colleagues a more specific and detailed treatment than time will admit of giving now.

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It is good to be able to say of each that he enjoyed the unstinted respect and loyal love of those associated with him in the Nation's business. Each was fortunate enough to write his own name large upon the honorable roster of those who have served their country in this great arena, and each left innumerable things for us to treasure until our time shall come to go forth and consort with them "in the shadows and the dust."

The quartet sang *Still Will We Trust*.

The Chaplain, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, D. D., pronounced the benediction:

Now, unto Him who is able to keep you from falling and present you faultless before the presence of His glory with great joy, unto the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 295 the Chair declares the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 24 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, February 21, 1929, at 12 o'clock noon.



Memorial Addresses  
on  
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## Memorial Addresses



### Remarks by Representative Dickinson *Of Missouri*

MR. SPEAKER: I knew intimately THOMAS L. RUBEY for more than a quarter of a century. I served with him in the Senate of Missouri, over which body he presided as president pro tempore, and later as lieutenant governor with credit to himself and his high office.

He was elected to Congress from the sixteenth district of Missouri in November, 1910, and served continuously until his death on November 2, 1928, except for two years following what is known as the landslide of 1920, which retired so many of his Democratic colleagues. Mr. RUBEY represented the district so long represented by "Silver" Dick Bland, who on many ballots was the leading candidate for President at the Democratic convention in Chicago in the year 1896, when Mr. Bryan was nominated.

During all of his service in Congress Mr. RUBEY was a prominent member of the Committee on Agriculture. He served his district with honor and distinguished credit. He was loved by his constituents as few men have been. No purer or better man ever came to Congress from any district than this industrious Representative, who served his constituents with a singular devotion to duty and

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with an ever-present desire to represent the best thought and best interests of his outstanding agricultural district. He lived a good life. He discharged every duty. He wronged no man. He was just to all. He loved his friends, his home, his State, and his country. He followed the dictates of his own conscience in every action after diligent study on every question. He voted on matters of legislation with a stubborn desire to cast a correct vote in the interest of those whose Representative he was and what he believed to be for the best interest of his country. He left an honorable record.

Though nominated without opposition, he withdrew his name and was not a candidate for election in November, 1928, having reached the conclusion that his impaired health was such that he should not again ask for election.

He was by far the strongest man in public favor in his district and was worthy of every honor conferred on him. He was an educator, a banker, a legislator in State and Nation, and successful in every line of endeavor. He was a Christian gentleman, a citizen of the highest type.

He was born in Lebanon, Mo.; and on November 2, 1928, at the age of 66 years, he passed away there. I attended the funeral services of my much-loved colleague, held at his residence on Sunday afternoon, November 4. It was a beautiful ceremony, conducted under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which he was a prominent member, and a wonderful tribute was paid by a great Mason before

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an immense audience of friends who came to do honor to the foremost citizen of that section, whose life and character was a wonderful example to all who knew him. His remains rest in the cemetery of his much-loved city of Lebanon.

He has gone to his reward. He leaves behind him his widow, an unusual woman, his companion in life. They were as lovers journeying together along pleasant paths. The recollection of his devotion, his high character, his love of right and of country, and of his many virtues of mind and heart will be an ever-present memory to cheer her as she lives her further life.

**Remarks by Representative Dyer**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: TOM RUBEY, as we knew him during his long service as a distinguished Member of the House of Representatives, was born in the State of Missouri of fine parentage. He received a good education, having taken his degree from the University of the State of Missouri. For a number of years he taught school at Lebanon, Mo., and at the Missouri School of Mines at Rolla, Mo. Before coming to the Congress he saw service in the general assembly of his State, having served in both of its branches; and for two years, 1903-1905, he was lieutenant governor.

A thorough Missourian and a loyal member of his party, he achieved fame and greatness. His colleagues from that State regret his going. His widow and other loved ones can console themselves in the fact that THOMAS L. RUBEY was a man of character and attainments and put them to good use in the service of the people. Likewise can his friends join his loved ones in his passing and unite with them in saying:

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His sun went down in the morning,  
While all was fair and bright;  
But it was not an eclipse of darkness  
That hid him from our sight,  
For the valley of death was brighter  
Than the hills of the life he trod,  
And the peace that fell on his spirit  
Was the calm, deep peace of God.  
His sun went down in the morning,  
While all was fair and bright;  
But it shines to-day on the hills far away  
In the land that knows no night.

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**Remarks by Representative Romjue**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: In the death of THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY the House of Representatives mourns the loss of one of its ablest and most beloved Members. His constituents have lost a faithful, honest, and dependable friend and public servant. I have had the good fortune to know him intimately. I have been one of his constituents while he served well in the Missouri State Senate and as lieutenant governor of our State. In both of these positions he served with great credit and distinction, as he has done in every instance in which he has been called to public service.

THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY was born in Lebanon, September 27, 1862, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Rubey.

He spent his early life on the farm and attended the district schools and later the Lebanon schools. He then entered the University of Missouri, from which he was graduated with the A. B. degree.

Due to his interest in education, Mr. RUBEY was elected superintendent of the Lebanon schools, where he gained the distinction of being one of the foremost educators of the State.

The first office ever held by Mr. RUBEY was that of county school commissioner. This position came to him unsolicited by appointment from Gov. John S. Marmaduke. At that time Mr. RUBEY

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was superintendent of schools. He filled this unexpired term and at the next spring election was elected school commissioner.

In 1890 Mr. RUBEY was nominated by the Laclede County Democratic county convention as member of the legislature.

Although Laclede County was strongly Republican then, he was elected, and when the legislature met in January, 1891, he took his seat in the house of representatives at Jefferson City.

In 1892 Mr. RUBEY was selected by the board of curators as professor in the Rolla School of Mines, which position he held until the fall of 1897. He won the Democratic nomination and was elected to Congress for the first time in 1910.

Congressman RUBEY always was deeply interested in agriculture and served as a member of the House Committee on Agriculture during his terms in Congress. In the matter of education he showed a keen desire to foster the public schools of the country as one of the greatest heritages of American boys and girls.

His was an admirable character. The longer and more intimately one knew him the more affection and respect one had for him and his views on any subject that gained his attention. I presume individuals have different means of estimating the characters of great men. Perhaps some traits of character make a stronger appeal than others. The traits of character possessed by TOM RUBEY which marked him as a really great man, according to what I consider the fundamental standard,

were these: He was thoroughly honest and had no duplicity in his make-up. He was as loyal and as industrious in looking after the interests of the people whom he represented in Congress as he was in giving attention to his own private affairs; indeed, he was more so, for with him public service came first. It is my judgment he would be alive to-day had he not overtaxed his energies as he did in working so unceasingly in the interest of the farmers in their struggle for some relief from the unequal burdens thrust upon them during the few recent years. He worked overtime and with a commendable zeal to secure the passage of an agricultural relief measure. Combined with his rugged honesty and his unfailing energy in behalf of public service, there was his Christian character. That he possessed, and as I think of him in that character, I recall his own utterance on an occasion when he was speaking of a departed friend in these lines:

And to friends and loved ones who put their trust in him  
"Who doeth all things well" there comes that sweet  
consolation:

We'll meet thee and we'll greet thee on the never-ending  
shore;

We'll dwell with thee in glory, to be parted never more.

There are many of the finest products of nature that improve with age. In the main they are products that were always good, always wholesome, and time slowly, gradually, and perhaps imperceptibly strengthens, mellows, and enriches them. It gratifies me to know that this development which

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nature reserves for her best and rarest products was given a place in the life and character of my departed friend.

We always knew him as conscientious, honorable, and loyal, and as the years passed along there was with him a great measure of kind philosophy which embraced all mankind and a great tolerance of the opinions and views of others. There is perhaps a wide difference of opinion as to what constitutes the most desirable setting for our last days on this trying but interesting earth and our answer to the final summons to another sphere of activity; but the better judgment of mankind, it seems to me, inclines to an experience of usefulness and helpfulness until the hour of our departure shall strike, and to the hope of a peaceful passing into the shadows. From this point of view, with honors upon him, respected by all, and loved by those who knew him best, a good man, a faithful citizen, a devout Christian, passed to his reward.

Blessed are those whose ways are the ways of uprightness, whose days are days of usefulness, and who, answering the last summons, die in the Lord. In this manner so lived and died our friend.

**Remarks by Representative Milligan**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: In the passing of THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY this body has lost one of its able and outstanding Members, the great State of Missouri one of its most beloved citizens and native sons.

For many years THOMAS L. RUBEY taught in the Missouri School of Mines, a department of the University of Missouri. He also served in both branches of the general assembly of his State. He also served as lieutenant governor of his State and in this body for 16 years. In his long career of public service he believed "a public office was a public trust." The people's interests were his interests. He so lived that he had the respect and admiration of all who knew him. No man can ask more.

The memory of his labors and sacrifices will remain engraven on the hearts of the people of his district and State.

To those of us who knew him well his failing health was an unending sorrow. Day by day for the past year, with a smile on his face, concealing as best he could the never-ceasing pain from which he suffered, THOMAS L. RUBEY marked off his days. We knew that his case was hopeless and that good health was not to be for him. He knew it, too, of this I am convinced; yet never once did he decry

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his fate but went forward to the end, true to himself, his friends, and his trust, meeting all with a smile that spoke the great courage that was within him.

He met death as he had met life, with unfaltering faith and undaunted courage.

When we come to measure him and appraise his worth, we know—

His life was gentle, and the elements  
So mix'd in him, that nature might stand up  
And say to all the world, "This was a man."

**Remarks by Representative Lozier**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: In the death of Hon. THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY this House lost one of its ablest, most useful, and highly esteemed Members. He was splendidly equipped for efficient public service. He had a vigorous, well-balanced, and well-trained mind. He possessed sound judgment and reached his conclusions by logical processes. It was not his habit to hastily form his opinions. He weighed every proposal carefully and subjected it to the acid test of reason, common sense, and right. But when he reached a decision he allowed nothing to swerve him from his duty as he saw it. He was strictly honest personally, politically, intellectually, and in every other way. He was courageous in advocacy of what he believed to be right. He was at all times outspoken and never quibbled or equivocated. Although he aggressively championed principles and policies which he believed to be just and reasonable, he was never unfair or intolerant toward those with whom he differed. He always had an open mind for the reception of truth. Because of his mental vigor, poise, sound judgment, and acute appreciation of ethical principles he was a valuable legislator, both in the general assembly of his State and as a Member of this House, the greatest legislative body in the world.

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But, aside from those outstanding characteristics, he possessed a genial and lovable personality that bound men to him as with hoops of steel.

Though we mourn his home going, who of us will say that he died too soon or that he left his work uncompleted? When I contemplate his useful and upright life I can not view his death as a tragedy nor as the end of existence, like the death of an ox or the uprooting of a giant oak by a tropical storm, nor as marking the beginning of an eternal sleep, nor as a Buddhist Nirvana, or beatific emancipation of the human soul from responsibility and worldly woes and afflictions, by its loss of all personal consciousness, either by utter annihilation or by completely merging it into the Divine. No; death is far different from any of these conceptions.

Rather would I look on his death as a friendly stroke, painless in its touch, severing the silver cord that bound him to the finite. After blameless years, having finished his task sooner than others with whom he labored, with the serenity born of a Christian life and a Christian's hope, he uncomplainingly laid down life's threadbare but unspotted mantle and, following where airy voices led, he crossed a narrow strip of pathless, waveless, tideless sea to the enchanted shores of a blissful everlastingness, where angry billows never break and where in the Father's house of many mansions blissfully abide those whom we "have loved long since and lost awhile." Life's fitful fever over, in the palace of the King he wakes eternally.

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**Remarks by Representative Nelson**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: Representative THOMAS L. RUBEY was a faithful public servant in all that the term implies. He took his work seriously. No request from a constituent was too small to claim his personal attention, none so big but that he gave to it all that it demanded. A deep student of the problems of our day, he devoted much thought in an effort to help arrive at a proper solution of questions claiming the attention of the country. Especially was this true of agriculture.

Long a member of the Committee on Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr. RUBEY was splendidly equipped for the place. He was farmer minded. He knew and loved country folk. He was one of them. In his boyhood he was brought into intimate contact with the things of the country. He was no mock friend of the farmer. Although during the latter years of his life interested primarily in banking, his breadth of view, his natural sympathies, and his economic understanding caused him to be ever conscious of the fact that when the farmer is failing there can be no real and permanent prosperity for the cities. During the lengthy hearings held before the committee of which he was a member Mr. RUBEY was in constant attendance, even when not physically able. His first thought was of service to his people.

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For more than a quarter century it was our privilege to know Representative RUBEY intimately and well, and we shall never cease to treasure his friendship. He was intensely human, honest in thought and deed, frank and outspoken when occasion demanded, yet charitable and kindly in his estimate of men. The people whom he served were to him more than his constituents; they were his friends, almost, in fact, as one big family. He never permitted his people to place him upon a pedestal. He preferred that they think of him first as a friend, and such he was in all that the word implies.

Not only did Representative RUBEY love the people whom he long represented in Congress, but he loved also the Ozark country, his homeland. To him the mountains and hills were as mounts of promise and inspiration on whose heights there might ever be heard sermons for those who understood. Fond of the open, he enjoyed the sports and recreations of forest and stream. To him the changing seasons, so attractive in the Ozark Mountains, where nature presents an ever-changing panorama, were intensely interesting stories. In God's great out of doors he was at his best and there he was never lonesome.

In view of Representative RUBEY's love for and understanding of the Ozark country, of the joy he had felt, especially in the glories of the fall time, it seemed especially appropriate that after a long fight to regain his health he should have fallen

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asleep in early November, magic month in Missouri. When on a beautiful Sunday thousands of friends, including some of his colleagues, met in Lebanon to pay their last tribute of respect, all nature seemed to understand. The sun shone forth, not with unseeming blare and blazonry, but just enough to bring out the beauty of the Ozark blue. On a thousand hills, the hills of the land of his home, the Master Artist had produced wonderful pictures. Gold and red and brown were blended. Then, in a cemetery in the city of Richard Parks Bland, another eminent statesman of the Ozarks, and where great trees were growing, the mortal remains of Representative RUBEY were laid to rest. Lebanon had lost one it loved. City, district, State, and Nation were poorer for his passing, yet richer for his life.

As we drove toward our home that beautiful Sunday afternoon we thought much of the man, of the secure place he had held in the hearts of "the home folks," as he loved to refer to them, and of his fidelity and devotion. We could not think of him as dead. It was only the harvest time in the Ozarks. On the broad table-lands, or in the fertile, narrow valleys, corn was in shock. Fruition is in the fall time. It is the season of the finished product. So it was in the life of Representative RUBEY. He had done his work. A wise Providence had but called him home.

As we proceeded on our homeward journey, we understood more, too, of the part southern Missouri had played in our colleague's life. Driving

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now through a deep valley, darkness seemed near, but far up on the mountain side the sun was still shining. As the day died, the indescribable purple haze of the Ozarks crept slowly up the great hills producing an impression of abiding peace; the tinkle of cowbells was now and then audible, and with this perchance was the last evening note of a bird.

Now our improved highway takes us over the crest of a great hill, and again on a far ridge we catch the last rays of the sun. So it was in Representative RUBEY's life. He was ever climbing upward and looking for the sunlight if below him darkness seemed gathering. If he found among his associates doubtful qualities, he looked for the good. He preferred this. So, no wonder is it that the people whom he served in various capacities, and in all with credit, should think of him just as do you and I, not merely as a public official of ability, but first and last as a friend.

**Remarks by Representative Cochran**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: Out in the heart of the great Ozark Highlands of Missouri, where he was born, lies buried THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, former Representative of the sixteenth district of Missouri. No Member of Congress was more faithful to his constituency than was Mr. RUBEY. He represented an agriculture district and his health declined while he fought the battle in the Agriculture Committee, of which he was a member for so long, and on this floor in behalf of those who till the soil for a livelihood. While he came from a district alive with fertile valleys, his people, engaged in diversified farming, have their ups and downs. I have been in the vicinity of Laclede County, Mo., where Mr. RUBEY was born, died, and was buried, when the corn towered high, only in a few days to be washed away by a raging mountain stream out of its banks. His people would smile at misfortune and start anew as soon as the water subsided.

TOM RUBEY, as he was known to the people of his district as well as to his colleagues here, served the people of 11 counties of Missouri for 15 years and 8 months, and he served them well. He was educated in his State, taught school in his State, and served his State in both branches of the legislature, as well as in the United States Congress.

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His death, while a shock to us all, was not unexpected. Broken in health, yet he could always be found on this floor up to the close of the first session of this Congress. He had felt that a vacation in the Ozarks he loved so well would restore his old-time vigor, but finding progress slow after his return to Missouri, he withdrew as a candidate for reelection after receiving the nomination without opposition.

Mr. RUBEY was a lover of the great outdoors. A good fisherman, but a better hunter, he had roamed the hills of the Ozarks since a boy. The Niangua, Gasconade, Piney, and Meramee Rivers flowed through his district, as did many other mountain streams, and he spent his spare time taking the greatest of game fish from these rivers, hunting deer, wild turkey, quail, and other game on the hillsides. He loved a hunting dog, always possessed a good one, and was fond of talking of the dogs he had hunted over.

Honored with a public trust, he served those who honored him well. His devotion to his duties was exemplified by his almost perfect attendance at sessions of Congress until his health failed. His last great battle was in behalf of the McNary-Haugen bill. My views on this bill differed with his. In fact, all members of the delegation but one other and myself voted for the bill. Mr. RUBEY was anxious to have a solid Missouri delegation supporting the measure. It was the first time I had ever known him to solicit votes for a measure in which he was interested. He felt very keenly

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my opposition to the bill, but a few days after the vote we met and, placing his arm around me, said:

You did not vote for my bill, but you did what you thought was right, and for that I admire you. If you had asked me to vote for a bill which I did not think should be passed, I would also have refused.

Mr. RUBEY deserved the support he received from his constituents. There is not a man in his district who knew him, Democrats and Republicans alike, who would not say if you asked him about Tom RUBEY, "We miss him." This, I am sure, conveys the sentiments of the membership of this House, for I know we all miss him.

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**Remarks by Representative Niedringhaus**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: It is with a feeling mingled with regret and pleasure that I say a word in behalf of the memory of THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, former Congressman from Missouri; regret that he is gone and his services are lost to the House, but with pleasure that his services have been so honorable and valuable to his constituents and our country.

The life of Mr. RUBEY is typical of so many successful, useful American boys. He was born in the Ozarks, and like many other Ozark boys procured an education as good as the mountain schools of his day afforded. He then became a teacher in order to obtain funds with which to advance his education. After his career as a teacher, he engaged in the banking business in Lebanon, Mo., where his recognized integrity and courtesy to his patrons built for him a successful business.

Later in life he was elected a member of the Missouri State Senate, where he served with distinction, and while serving as a member he was elected president pro tempore of that body. When a vacancy occurred in the office of lieutenant governor he automatically became lieutenant governor of Missouri, where he served until the end of his term.

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His splendid record as a member of the State senate attracted the people of the sixteenth congressional district, and as a result he was elected to Congress, where he served nearly 16 years.

As a Member of Congress he was respected by his colleagues because of his honest, faithful official service. While a Democrat in politics, he never discriminated between the members of political parties in his district in the discharge of his official duties; and so diligent was he in his efforts to render efficient service that he continued at his post long after his physical condition was such as to make his work most distressing.

It can be said of him that his official life in Washington was a great honor to him and his family, and that his services were of great value to the people who honored him.

**Remarks by Representative Williams**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: On the 2d day of November, 1928, in the beautiful city of Lebanon in southwest Missouri, THOMAS L. RUBEY passed to his eternal reward. Farmer, banker, school-teacher, and legislator, Mr. RUBEY was one of the great and good men of his generation.

Of a quiet and retiring disposition, he was drawn into the political arena where he occupied an important place for more than a quarter of a century. As a member of both houses of the Missouri Legislature, as lieutenant governor of that great State, and as a Member of this House for 16 years, he served his State and country conscientiously and well. He scorned sham and hypocrisy, and had none of the cunning of designing, scheming politicians. His strength lay in his quiet, plain, open, honest acts and conduct. He cared nothing for the blare of the trumpet or the beat of the drum. The pride and pomp and splendor of official life and position that may have fascinations and allurements for some made no appeal to him. The fawnings and flattery, the plaudits and praise of the populace never beguiled, deluded, or entranced him. There were no vainglorious, bombastic elements in his make-up. There were no crying of his many virtues from the housetops. His entire public duties were performed without parade or

bluster. He was never swayed by the "madding crowd's ignoble strife," but "along the cool sequestered vale of life he kept the even tenor of his way."

A Democrat by nature and training, his political advice was frequently sought by members of his party. Cool, calm, and conservative, his counsel was always regarded as safe and sound. In his legislative career he was a close student and attentive to routine work. Having been a professor for a number of years in a department of the Missouri University, he always took a deep interest in educational matters. For many years he was a member of the great Committee on Agriculture in this House and was ever solicitous for the welfare of the farmers.

His long experience in public life and his close application to the duties of the various offices held by him gave him a deep insight into the many and varying problems of government. He was an untiring worker. Even when the ravages of disease had undermined his health and sapped the strength and vigor of his younger manhood days, he carried on without murmur or complaint. His long distinguished public service stamps him as a careful, a wise, and an able legislator. In his passing the State of Missouri has lost one of its most progressive and distinguished citizens and the Nation a highly esteemed and valued statesman.

Influential, useful, and brilliant as was his public career, his business and private life was grander still. It was in his home and among the friends

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of his native city, who knew and loved him, that he was at his best. There it could be truly said of him:

None knew thee but to love thee,  
Nor named thee but to praise.

Always working and striving to make his community a better place in which to live, he was progressive, forward looking, upstanding, taking the lead in every movement for betterment and improvement.

In any effort to secure a new schoolhouse or church house, or to bring about better social conditions, higher educational standards, higher and nobler moral and religious sentiments, Mr. RUBEY was always found in the vanguard fighting the battle. His kindly, affectionate, helpful service to the community will always be gratefully remembered. He won the confidence and gratitude of the people, not by gaudy show or brilliant display but by the quiet persuasiveness of his sterling worth and the convincing appeal of his deep sincerity. His friends believed in him. They trusted him. They had confidence in him. He met their faith and trust and confidence by unswerving devotion to duty and unwavering fidelity to their cause. His assistance and advice was constantly and quietly and freely given to those with whom he daily met and lived.

His life and character radiated light and warmth and sunshine, bringing hope and happiness to all with whom he came in contact. The night was never too dark or the road too long for him to go

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on an errand of mercy. If I were to seek the source of all his power and greatness, I would point to his genuine sincerity, his deep sympathies, his kindly spirit, and his earnest desire to help.

As long as real worth and sturdy manhood are recognized in official position and acclaimed in public ceremonies, as long as loyalty to friends and fidelity to duty are fostered and treasured and cherished, either in the courtly palace or around the humble fireside, so long will the name and memory of THOMAS L. RUBEY live in the hearts of his countrymen.

In the city of his birth and surrounded by throngs of sorrowing friends, he was laid to rest beneath a wealth of flowers. There amid the scenes of his boyhood days and the scene of many of his activities and achievements he rests in peace, with the blessings and benedictions of thousands whom he has befriended and helped along the way hovering over him.

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**Remarks by Representative Haugen**  
*Of Iowa*

Mr. SPEAKER: The Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY represented the State of Missouri as a Member of the House of Representatives in seven Congresses. During his entire service in the House he was a member of the Committee on Agriculture, of which I have had the honor to be chairman since 1919.

I had the honor and good fortune, by virtue of frequent contact during our long association, to have an opportunity to learn his splendid character, his noble qualities and purposes so manifest in every walk of life, both public and private. He was a plain, unassuming, unpretentious, and unselfish man. He was a man of sterling qualities, of loving disposition, eminently sociable, pleasant, courteous, obliging, loyal, with a character founded on integrity, with a will to work his way honestly and bravely, endowed with lofty ideals, fortified with a wealth of experience and learning by long years of public life; pursuing his duty with industry, fidelity, unyielding courage, and fixity of purpose. The better I knew him the more I admired him, and realized why his constituents trusted him, and why he was held in such high esteem by his many friends.

Coming to Congress as he did with his genial disposition, keen intellect, noble character, and experience in legislative work, coupled with his

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patriotic, active, and effective public service, his unswerving and unusual devotion to truth, to the best interest of his State and Nation, always evident in his performance of public duty, naturally won him distinction and many friends.

It goes without saying that a life so bright, a character so pure, with such noble qualities, splendid career, and record as a statesman and citizen has made the world better and added to its happiness.

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**Remarks by Representative Kincheloe**  
*Of Kentucky*

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE:  
Under the leave granted me to extend my remarks in the Record, I herewith insert the resolution adopted by the Committee on Agriculture on December 10, 1928, on the life and services of Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, late a Representative of the State of Missouri and an honored member of this committee:

Whereas the Committee on Agriculture has heard with profound sorrow of the death of one of its prominent members, the Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, late a Representative of the State of Missouri: Therefore be it

*Resolved by the Committee on Agriculture in this meeting assembled,* That in the death of Congressman RUBEY this committee has lost one of its most industrious, serviceable, and diligent members; the House of Representatives one of its most faithful servants; and the State of Missouri one of its most distinguished citizens.

*Resolved further,* That this committee extend to Mrs. Rubey its condolence and heartfelt sympathy in her hour of bereavement.

*Resolved further,* That a copy of these resolutions be made a permanent record of this committee and a copy be sent to his widow.

**Remarks by Representative McSweeney**  
*Of Ohio*

Mr. SPEAKER: One of the big honors that has come to me as a Representative in Congress was to be chosen as a member of the Committee on Agriculture, and one of the chief benefits and pleasures that I received as a member of this committee was to get acquainted with the Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, near whom I had the pleasure of sitting in the committee room.

I saw in Mr. RUBEY's face a kind expression that would make it possible for me, a new member, to go to him for the benefits of his mature judgment on public as well as private matters. I was never disappointed. When I sought his counsel I always received from him gracious consideration and an expression which proved that he had given to the question at hand the most profound thought. He spoke seldom in the committee, but whenever he rose the members of the committee listened eagerly for what he had to say. My five years of service with him had led me, as it had his other colleagues, to form a deep affection for him and to have a great respect for his devotion to public service.

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One of my pleasant memories in connection with Mr. RUBEY is that he and his gracious wife stopped at my home in Wooster, Ohio, when they were driving back to Missouri at the close of a session of Congress.

The people of Missouri and the citizens of our country are better off for his having served and are the severe losers for his untimely taking off.

**Remarks by Representative Fulmer**  
*Of South Carolina*

Mr. SPEAKER: I am indeed grateful to the Missouri delegation for being permitted to pay my tribute to-day to the memory of Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY.

From the time that I met Governor RUBEY at Congress Hall Hotel almost immediately after his arrival to enter upon his duties as a Congressman until his death I considered him one of my best friends in Congress. He had served in previous Congresses; therefore, on his return he not only reclaimed his old friends but made friends with the new Members. He was assigned to the great Agricultural Committee, where he served with me until his death. It was on this committee that I had the pleasure of watching the statesmanship-like service of my colleague. It was only a matter of a few days before I observed his deep interest in his constituency, his State, and his Nation. I often visited with him at the hotel, in his office, and sat with him in the House, because I admired his friendly companionship and I had great confidence in his judgment on legislative matters. He was a man of few words, but honest and hard-working. He was a Democrat, but he knew no

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party or section when a bill had merit, and was for the interest of the great masses and his country. He seemed to understand his people and their needs. He spoke for and served his constituents as a man who knew he had the confidence of those he was serving.

In every instance it was not a matter of keeping his ear to the ground and the playing of politics, but his deep concern was in being right. No Member of this House had more concern about passing legislation proposing to put agriculture on an equality with other groups.

During the Seventieth Congress he returned to Washington almost physically undone, but his regular attention to the daily requests coming in from his constituents, to his work in the committee and the House causes me to say that truly he gave his life for his people, his country, and his God.

In conclusion let me say that his district, his State, and the entire Nation have suffered a great loss in the death of Governor RUBEY. This kind of man is not easily replaced in this body or in the affairs of State and Nation. He received many honors at the hands of his people in this life, and we, with them, mourn his untimely passing away. May the soul of my friend, as I am sure it does and will, forever rest in peace.

Our hearts bleed, but faith bids us look up. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life;

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he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

There is no death! The stars go down  
To rise upon some fairer shore,  
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forever more.

There is no death! The dust we tread  
Shall change beneath the summer showers  
To golden grain, or mellow fruit,  
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

They are not dead! They have but passed  
Beyond the mists that blind us here  
Of that serener sphere!

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**Remarks by Representative Swank**  
*Of Oklahoma*

MR. SPEAKER AND GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE: It was with great regret that I heard of the death of my good friend and colleague, Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, a Member of Congress from the sixteenth district of the State of Missouri. He was a member of Congress before I had the pleasure of knowing him. I first became acquainted with him in the Sixty-eighth Congress, and from that time till his death we were members of the Committee on Agriculture. We were together much of the time and became good friends. He was one of the most active members of that committee and took a great interest in the problems of American agriculture. He was familiar with the hard work of the farmers and their dire distress during the past several years. He was always studying hard to find some new solution that would help them. He was truly their friend at all times. No man in Congress worked harder for their benefit than he did. He realized that there could not be any general prosperity in the land unless it was shared to some extent by the farmers. He was an able, conscientious, and industrious spokesman in their behalf and ever labored for their good. He represented them and all the people every day in this body. He never gave up but always pressed the fight for equality for them. They will never have a better

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friend in Congress or out. When the farm leaders came to Congress they went to see Congressman RUBEY because they knew where he always stood. He not only labored for agriculture but always favored all legislation for the best interests of his people, whom he loved.

He was a man of great heart and deep sympathy. He sympathized with the people of limited opportunities and many a poor man, woman, and little child felt the warmth of his kindly disposition. He went on the theory, which is a good one, that those who most deserved help by legislation needed friends in the American Congress, and he was always on the side of the people. Nothing could swerve THOMAS RUBEY from his plain path of duty. No flattery could sway him, defeat embarrass him, praise blind him, nor threats frighten him. When he decided what was his proper course for the right, he could not be diverted, but traveled the straight line toward the fulfillment of his desired achievements. He was as gentle as a child, fearless at all times, and had the friendship of every Member of the different Congresses in which he served. He was truly a representative of the people who honored him—and it was an honor for his people to keep him here—and always kept their best interests in mind. By close association with him as a member of the same committee and as Members of Congress for six years, I knew him well. Many times have I discussed with him the problems of agriculture and of the American people. His whole mind and soul were bent on

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doing what was right and best for the people. The last speech on the floor of the House that I heard him make was an earnest and able plea for the American farmer. He sympathized with the man and woman who work hard all day and never receive a sufficient amount for their labors to enable them to enjoy even the necessities of life. He believed that all honest men and women who work are entitled to some of the comforts of life that should recompense hard work and honest living. No person was too humble for him to listen to nor too poor for him to hear. No member of the committee to which he belonged stood higher than he and no man's counsel was more sought. He was always reasonable, logical, and agreeable. No man whom I have ever known appreciated frankness more than he and despised hypocrisy more intensely. He was never angered by honest disagreement, but accorded to all the right to their own opinions.

Many Congresses have gone, many more are yet to come, but in none of them has there been nor will there be a man more devoted to the public good than Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY. He not only honored the district that so wisely sent him here but he honored the State of Missouri and the whole American people. I never saw a man that I thought was a better citizen than he whom we honor here to-day. It is, indeed, fitting that we should assemble in the Nation's Capitol at this hour to do honor to his memory and praise a name and a life that can well be emulated by every young

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man in this land which we all love. He was an honor to this House and loved all our Members. THOMAS RUBEY did not live alone for himself, but for all his people and for his country. With our National Legislature in the hands of men like him, the country will be always safe. Nothing but the highest and purest thoughts ever entered his heart or mind. He always looked for the best in his friends and acquaintances, and I never heard him say aught against any man during my acquaintance with him.

My life has been made brighter and better by having had the opportunity to associate with him and to know him so well. He was always actuated by the highest aims and the noblest thoughts. He, indeed, believed that "an honest man is the noblest work of God." He has gone to his reward, but has left a record of which his family, friends, and acquaintances may well be proud. The world is better because he lived here and mingled with his fellow men. Future legislation in Congress will bear the imprint of his work and thought while a Member. His advice, work, and counsel were greatly appreciated by his colleagues on the committee and in the House. And, last, I can truly say, in the language of the poet—

Green be the turf above thee,  
Friend of my better days!  
None knew thee but to love thee,  
Nor named thee but to praise.

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**Remarks by Representative Clarke**  
*Of New York*

MR. SPEAKER: Having served with Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY for several years on the Agricultural Committee, and though not a member of the same party as he, I wish to bear witness that in the intimacies of our committee work, as well as in the larger field of duty on the floor of the House, agriculture had no truer friend nor the people of any congressional district a more diligent representative than Mr. RUBEY.

Mr. RUBEY not alone was faithful in season and out of season in attendance, but he worked intelligently and patriotically for sound legislation in the demands the producers of our agricultural commodities rightfully had upon the Government.

He revealed himself to me as a man of the highest probity, zealous in season and out of season in meeting the obligations, duties, and responsibilities that belonged to his high office.

**Remarks by Representative Fort**  
*Of New Jersey*

Mr. SPEAKER: My acquaintance with Governor RUBEY was limited to the twilight of his life. The impression that he has left with me is that of a genial, kindly, courteous gentleman who painstakingly endeavored to fulfill his duties in public office despite the handicaps of age and illness. To the causes he believed in he gave a really intense allegiance. He never spared himself, coming to perform his duties as a member of the Committee on Agriculture or of the House when his physical condition really should have kept him at home. There is slight doubt that his conscientious attention to his work made less comfortable the last months of his life and probably shortened it materially. You never liked or respected him less for a difference of opinion, because the sincerity of his belief was always unquestioned.

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**Remarks by Representative Hope**  
*Of Kansas*

Mr. SPEAKER: My acquaintance with our late colleague, THOMAS L. RUBEY, was confined to the first session of the Seventieth Congress. During that time we were fellow members of the Committee on Agriculture. Notwithstanding the fact that his health was very much impaired, Mr. RUBEY was most faithful in his attendance of committee meetings and took a keen interest in every measure for the advancement of agriculture. His long legislative experience and many years of service on the committee made his counsel and suggestions of great value. In his death this House lost an able Member and his district an experienced and capable representative.

**Remarks by Representative Houston**  
*Of Hawaii*

Mr. SPEAKER: It is with sincere regret that I arise on this occasion, for it is always sad to chronicle the passing of a dear friend.

As a member of the Committee on Agriculture in the Seventieth Congress, I was privileged to know the Hon. THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, and to sit with him through many an interesting hearing upon matters touching farm relief and other agricultural subjects.

Even then he was in ill health, and it was only his courage and his devotion to the interests of the country, I am sure, that kept him at work, where self-interest should have dictated greater care of himself.

He was always the courteous gentleman—friendly and sympathetic, helpful with suggestions to those of us with less experience. I mourn his passing away, and I shall always cherish his memory.

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**Remarks by Representative Major**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: This day and hour has been set apart by this body for memorial services for the departed Members of the Seventieth Congress.

As this roll is called the names of Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, of the sixteenth Missouri district, and that of Hon. Charles L. Faust, of the fourth Missouri district, appear upon the list of those who have answered the last roll call of this the greatest legislative body in the world, to appear before the judgment bar of God, before whom we shall, sooner or later, come to give an account of our stewardship.

I have been asked by the Hon. C. C. Dickinson, dean of the Democrats, and the Hon. L. C. Dyer, dean of the Republicans, of the Missouri delegation, to participate in the services of to-day in memory of our departed Members. It is an honor to do honor to the memory of the good. Heralded with the velocity of electricity by wire and radio, the sad intelligence has been borne to every hamlet in the land that Missouri has lost two of its foremost citizens and this body two of its most useful and outstanding Members, Mr. RUBEY, a member of the great Committee on Agriculture, and Mr. Faust, a member of the great Committee on Ways and Means—one a Democrat, the other a Republican, and both personal friends of mine. Their vote in

the districts that repeatedly honored them is a testimonial of the esteem in which they were held by their constituents; their committee assignments are proof of their standing with their colleagues and in their party; and their records evidence that they fully appreciated the honors bestowed upon them and were true to the trust reposed in them. They were able, honest, and courageous. They were loved by their friends, respected by all of their colleagues, and honored by the constituency they served so faithfully and so well. Both died at their posts of duty.

We do not like to think and talk of death, and it is only when some bright particular star falls, or the train of eternity whistles near our own door—that train which has no surveyed route, no schedule, no stated stations, every home on God's earth a depot, and every member thereof a sure and certain passenger—that we take time to pause and ask, "Watchman, what of the hour?" and are reminded with the poet:

Life, I know not what thou art  
But know that thou and I must part  
And when, and how, and where we met,  
I own to me is a secret yet.  
Life, we've been long together  
Through pleasant and through cloudy weather;  
'Tis hard to part when friends are dear;  
Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear;  
Then steal away, give little warning,  
Choose thine own time  
Say not good night, but in some brighter clime  
Bid me good morning.

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TOM RUBEY and Charley Faust, as they were known and called by their friends and colleagues, were strong partisans, with strong political convictions, party feeling, and attachments; both believed that the interest of their country could be best served through the principles advocated by their respective parties. Though of different political faith, we loved and honored them both for their many sterling qualities and devotion to duty. In this sad hour we grieve with their families, their friends, and associates. In their political battles they fought for what they conceived to be the best interest of their country, and the breath of suspicion never tarnished the rectitude of their actions or the purity of their purpose, and dying left behind them an example that patriots will love to honor and many deeds worthy of emulation.

Their personal characters were replete with those qualities that make up the perfect gentleman—courteous to all, chivalrous, the soul of honor, with unquestioned courage; they endeared themselves to all they came in contact with. In those tender and more endearing relations of friendship, kindred, and neighbor, they were all that friendship could ask, affection claim, or kindness enjoin. They were Christian gentlemen, true to themselves, their friends, and their country.

In some countries there is a tradition that the spirit of their departed leaders, who in their lives were revered and honored, revisit the land of their love, and when the moon is shedding down its softest and its sweetest beams upon the earth the

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spirit of the departed leader descends and, passing over the land, blesses the fields and the meadows, and whispers low upon the night winds words of wise counsel to his people. Could these conditions prevail, TOM RUBEY and CHARLEY FAUST, though dead, would far into the future counsel and labor for the people of their districts, their State and Nation whom they loved so well and served so faithfully.

In their death we are again reminded:

That Death comes equally to us all, and makes us all equal when he comes.

Their noble spirits have taken their flight to the God who gave them, so touchingly exemplifying that—

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.

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**Remarks by Representative Manlove**  
*Of Missouri*

Mr. SPEAKER: At the direction of the Missouri Society of Washington, D. C., I had the honor, as president thereof, to name three distinguished Members of this body, Hon. C. C. Dickinson, Hon. W. L. Nelson, and Hon. J. L. Milligan, as a committee whose purpose it should be to draft a resolution expressing the love and respect which the members of the society held for their late member, Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY.

I can think of no manner in which I can pay a higher tribute of respect to my departed colleague and friend, Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, a "courageous yet kindly statesman," than by quoting the resolution presented by this committee and unani- mously adopted by the Missouri Society.

HON. THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY

Whereas death has removed Hon. THOMAS LEWIS RUBEY, long an honored member of the Missouri Society of Wash- ington, it seems fitting that we pause and consider the career of this illustrious Missourian, whose death occurred at the family home in Lebanon, Mo., on November 2, 1928, following a long illness.

THOMAS L. RUBEY, who was in his sixty-sixth year at the time of his death, was born at Lebanon, Mo., where most of his life was spent and where he was greatly beloved. While attending the University of Missouri, of which he was an honored graduate, he met Miss Fannie J. Horner, who became his wife and who remained his sweetheart.

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Mr. RUBEY was for five years superintendent of schools in his home city, and was for several years a member of the faculty of the Missouri School of Mines of the University of Missouri. Entering public life, he served in both branches of the Missouri General Assembly, and while in the State senate was president pro tempore of that body, and was Lieutenant Governor of Missouri from 1903 to 1905. First elected to the Sixty-second Congress, he was serving his eighth term at the time of his death, and had been nominated, without opposition, for another term, but was forced by ill health to resign as a candidate. As a member of the Committee on Agriculture in the House, Mr. RUBEY was especially active and helpful. As a public official wherever he served, he did so unselfishly and ably and with broad sympathy and understanding. His career and that of Richard Parks Bland, who was also a citizen of Lebanon, Mo., brought deserved fame and honor to the Ozarks.

Following funeral services conducted by the Masonic order, in which Representative RUBEY was prominent, the body of this Missourian, who, forgetting not his Nation, had yet ever put home and friends first, this man who was courageous yet kindly, companionable, and lovable to the greatest degree, was laid to rest. It was the autumn time; trees on a hundred hills were gold and crimson and brown, and as the day died the purpling haze suggested peace and home. One who had long lived among and loved, with understanding heart, these things, had gone to the Father's house: Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That, recognizing the worth of THOMAS L. RUBEY and being conscious of its great loss, the Missouri Society of Washington orders these resolutions spread upon its records and a copy sent to Mrs. Rubey, the faithful helpmeet, to whom sympathy is extended.

C. C. DICKINSON,  
W. L. NELSON,  
J. L. MILLIGAN,  
*For the Missouri Society.*

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## Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, December 3, 1928.

Mr. DICKINSON of Missouri, Mr. Speaker, it becomes my sad duty to announce the recent death of Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, a Representative from the sixteenth district of Missouri. I send to the desk the following resolution and ask its consideration.

The Clerk read (H. Res. 248) as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, a Representative from the State of Missouri.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. TILSON. Mr. Speaker, as a further mark of respect to the deceased Member, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; and accordingly (at 1 o'clock p. m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, December 4, 1928, at 12 o'clock noon.

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TUESDAY, *December 4, 1928.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Craven, its principal clerk, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, late a Representative from the State of Missouri.

*Resolved,* That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved,* That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn.

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TUESDAY, *December 4, 1928.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Chaffee, one of its clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, late a Representative from the State of Missouri, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The Vice President laid before the Senate resolutions of the House of Representatives (H. Res. 249), which were read, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, a Representative from the State of Missouri.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. REED of Missouri. Mr. President, I present resolutions and ask unanimous consent for their immediate consideration.

The resolutions (S. Res. 270) were read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. THOMAS L. RUBEY, late a Representative from the State of Missouri.

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*Resolved*, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. ROBINSON of Arkansas. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the four Members of the House of Representatives touching whose departure resolutions have been presented and adopted by the Senate, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Wednesday, December 5, 1928, at 12 o'clock meridian.

