

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Memorial Service
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Memorial to: Charles Munn
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Charles Munn, known affectionately by his friends as "Charlie", served in the House of Representatives from 1927 through 1934.

Mr. Munn was born in Maple Grove, Minnesota in 1887. His interest in public service became apparent early in his life when he was elected Constable and then Town Clerk in Maple Grove.

In 1926, Mr. Munn was elected to his first term in the House of Representatives. He originally caucused with the Conservatives, but later found the Farmer-Labor party to better reflect his principles and philosophy.

Mr. Munn was reelected to four successive terms, and in the Session of 1933 served as Speaker of the House under Governor Floyd B. Olson.

In 1934, he accepted the challenge of a statewide election contest and was elected to a six year term on the Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission.

Mr. Munn's service as an elected official ended in 1940, but his career in public service continued on for almost twenty more years. He served in Washington as administrative secretary to two Third District Congressmen, Representative William Gallagher in 1944-1945, and Representative Roy Weir in 1948 through 1959. Mr. Munn's retirement in 1959 concluded fifty years of work in public service.

During his career, Mr. Munn was known as a tireless worker for those principles in which he so strongly believed. He was objective and willing to listen, yet when the facts were all brought forth, he would fight hard for what he thought was right.

Mr. Munn lived most of his active years in Osseo and Maple Grove, and spent his later years in retirement in North Minneapolis.

He passed away January 31, 1973 at the age of 85. Mr. Munn is survived by his wife, Mary; three sons, Robert, Howard and Gerald, all of Osseo; and two daughters, Marion of Rochester and Kathryn of Excelsior.

Charlie is missed by his family and friends, but they have consolation in knowing that this service to community and people was appreciated.

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