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MRS. A. G. SORLIE

A resolution in memoriam of Mrs. A. G. Sorlie, a former first lady of North Dakota.

WHEREAS, Mrs. A. G. Sorlie, widow of former Governor of North Dakota, Arthur G. Sorlie, passed away at 8:20 Saturday, June 19, 1965, in Bismarck. Mrs. Sorlie was the first lady of North Dakota from January, 1925, through August, 1928. Her husband died in office.

WHEREAS, the passage of time since her tour of public service as this state's first lady has not diminished the importance of her contribution to North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, a first lady shares with her husband the fears that cannot be shown, and the joys that cannot be expressed. It is often her considered advice and reassurance that eases the loneliness of a governor in moments of grave decision; and

WHEREAS, a first lady is the state's representative in a capacity that equals and sometimes surpasses that of her husband. She must smile though she might feel sorrow. She must be radiant and sparkling even in moments of bone weariness. Her voice must have the lilt of optimism even when she is surrounded by the pall of pessimism. A first lady serves the state without pay. The public's gratitude is her recompense; and

WHEREAS, it is time now for us to pay that last measure of recompense to a loved and charming person, Mrs. A. G. Sorlie, a first lady of North Dakota;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota, in Special Session:

That we express our keen sorrow on her passing and our appreciation, on behalf of the people of North Dakota, of the loyal and devoted service of our former first lady.

Be It Further Resolved, that for the perpetuation of her memory, this token of respect and sympathy be printed in the journal of the house and that a duly enrolled copy of this resolution be presented by the secretary of state to the family of Mrs. A. G. Sorlie.

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