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## FIRE PROTECTION HISTORY-PART 67: 1909 (A TRIBUTE TO ALFRED STONE)

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Part of the 13<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) held in late May, 1909 included a tribute to the representative of the American Institute of Architects, Alfred Stone. The following is an excerpt of the NFPA's tribute to Mr. Stone:

*"The Chair: The next item of business on the program is the resolution in memory of our late comrade, Mr. Alfred Stone, and Mr. Hexamer will present that matter.*

*Mr. Hexamer: Mr. President, I have requested Mr. Fiske to report the resolution.*

*Thereupon, Mr. Fiske read the following resolution:*

### **Alfred Stone**

*This association is called upon to express its regret at the loss of one of its most respected, conscientious and loyal members.*

*God in his wisdom has called to a higher and better place ALFRED STONE, who departed this life September 4, 1908. He was the embodiment of honor. His life work evidenced his lofty ideals and keen intelligence. He was possessed of those qualities which commanded the respect and confidence of his associates – absolutely unselfish, pleasing personality, a gentlemen of worth and culture, showing always deference to the rights and opinions of his contemporaries which endeared him in the affection and esteem of his fellow men.*

*As the representative of the American Institute of Architects in the affairs of the National Fire Protection Association, he, more than any other man, emphasized the importance of the architectural profession of devoting more extended consideration to problems of building construction and equipment covering the hazard from fire.*

*In recognition of his ability, his election to the executive committee of this body was a tribute to his associates. He always gave to it his full support and the benefit of this intelligent judgment. His sound advice and counsel shall be sadly missed in our deliberations. Therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, That in his death the association has lost one of its able advisers and the members an associate and friend whose decease is the cause of sincere regret; and recognition is given to the fact that the work in which we are engaged has lost one of its most distinguished and honorable representatives and supporters.*

*RESOLVED, That a copy of this document be transmitted to the family of the deceased.*

*The Chair: You have heard the reading of the resolutions, Gentlemen; what is your pleasure?*

*Mr. Merrill: Mr. President, I move these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote.*

*Motion seconded and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.”*

Given that the members of the organization were principally from the fire insurance industry in the early days of the National Fire Protection Association, the tribute to Mr. Stone was quite a high honor indeed.

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