

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL

Memorial adopted by the Board of Directors of
the American Institute of Electrical Engineers

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers has learned with deep sorrow of the death on August 2, 1922, of Alexander Graham Bell,

RESOLVED that as a tribute to his memory, this minute be inscribed in the records: In the death of Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, the world has suffered the loss of one of its great benefactors. His was a life dedicated to the service of mankind. By his early researches in acoustics he learned how to teach the dumb to talk, and thus restored to the afflicted their heritage of speech.

By his deeper researches in physics, he discovered how to transmit by electricity to distant places the tones of the human voice in the form of articulate speech. He was the first to provide the apparatus to do this marvel; he was the first to speak through the electric speaking telephone; and his voice was the first to be heard in the telephone receiver. Based upon his invention, vast telephone systems of intercommunication have been developed, extending the spoken word among the peoples of all the nations.

In recognition of his priceless service to electrical engineering, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers many years ago conferred upon him the honor of its highest office by electing him to be its President; and again, in recognition of his achievements, bestowed upon him the Edison Gold Medal for his distinguished attainments in electrical engineering, electrical science, and the electrical arts. And now, at the time of his death, the members of the Board of Directors record their realization

of the grievous loss to the Institute, to the engineering profession, and to the whole world, and express their deep and heartfelt sympathy to his wife and to the other members of his family in their bereavement.

Secretary

August 23, 1928