



FRANK PIERCE DOYLE  
Born 1863 Died 1948

## *In Memoriam*

RESOLUTION • In the fullness of time, at the mellowed age of eighty-five, Frank Pierce Doyle, Director of this Board from its beginning, has closed the book of life.

The chair he has vacated after twenty years of continuous service will never know an occupant more diligent in attendance nor vigilant of the rights of the District his foresight and spirit of prophecy called into existence.

It was out of respect to Frank Doyle that one hundred men answered his original call to consider the spanning of the Golden Gate. Men of little faith and unawakened vision who came to scoff, departed with high resolve to labor for what they once believed to be a promoter's dream.

He brought powerful men to aid the cause and put the force of law behind the inspiring plan.

Supervisor Richard J. Welch for San Francisco and Frank Coombs in the State Assembly were in the forefront with Frank Doyle in building into an irresistible movement of public opinion the demand for the erection of a highway to span the surging tides of the world's majestic Strait.

Throughout the burdensome and uncertain years of litigation, waged by various interests against the District, Frank Doyle never wavered in his faith.

And, finally, he lived to see the fruition of his dream and to drive the first civilian automobile across the floor of the great structure; thenceforth he was to be called and will forever remain, "Father of the Golden Gate Bridge."

Now that we, as his companions on this Board, have seen the curtain drawn on his useful career, we solemnly and reverently pay tribute to him as our colleague, counsellor and friend.

To his worth as a citizen, his never-faltering faith in his country and his community, his loyalty to every task to which he set his hand, his native and enduring character as a man, we pay this lasting homage to his memory.

*The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by rising vote at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway District on August 13, 1948.*