

friends and opponents alike.

Mr. Hodges was born and grew up in the district he later represented. He lived all his life in the same house on the 1200 block West Cross Street.

After attending St. Jerome's Catholic School, night classes at City College, and the Baltimore Business College, the young Mr. Hodges followed his father into the restaurant business.

A sports fan, the Senator earned local recognition in boxing. In 1931 and 1932, he won the city, state and South Atlantic competitions as he climbed the rungs of the Olympic ladder. He met defeat, however, in the Olympic trials. It was one of the few defeats in his life.

A World War II veteran, Bip Hodges served on a minesweeper in the Pacific, reaching the rank of boatswain's mate.

Bip Hodges helped establish South Baltimore's Albert J. Clark Post No. 5922 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a member of the Norman J. Melvin Post of the American Legion, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Fraternal Order of Moose.

His wife, the former Alice E. Rothage, died in 1966.

He is survived by five sons and four daughters, to whom this Body extends its deepest regrets; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the deepest regrets of this Body be extended to the family of our former colleague and friend, Senator Bip Hodges, on the event of his untimely passing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the State of Maryland send copies of this Resolution to the Hodges family, 1200 West Cross Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Approved March 4, 1975.