

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 1

House concurrent resolution in memory of Representative Albert Audette of South Burlington

Offered by: All Members of the House

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, long preceding his election in 2000 to the first of five terms in the House of Representatives, Albert “Sonny” Audette of South Burlington was a familiar figure in many aspects of the city’s daily life, and

Whereas, a graduate of the former Cathedral High School, he served our nation as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean War, and

Whereas, a pivotal event in Sonny Audette’s life was his marriage in 1957 to Theresa at St. Francis Xavier Church, in Winooski, cementing a loving relationship that joyfully continued for over half-a-century, and

Whereas, the citizens of South Burlington became acquainted with Sonny Audette during his more-than-three-decades tenure as the South Burlington Public Works Director who regularly surveyed the city in a familiar yellow departmental vehicle, and

Whereas, Sonny Audette participated in regional and national intergovernmental organizations, including the American Public Works Association, which he helped establish and served as its first president; the Chittenden Solid Waste District, where he served as the first secretary-treasurer; the Technical Advisory Committee of the Chittenden Metropolitan Planning Organization; and the Vermont League of Cities and Towns, and

Whereas, his public roles in South Burlington were hardly restricted to his “day job” as Sonny Audette’s civic participation extended to his service as a firefighter, justice of the peace, and board of civil authority member, and

Whereas, Sonny Audette established a Catholic Youth Organization unit at St. John Vianney Church and coached its basketball team for 15 years, and

Whereas, working on the playing fields with local youth also extended to his 30-year association with Babe Ruth baseball as a coach and a district, state, and regional official, and

Whereas, during the decade Representative Sonny Audette ably represented his constituents in Montpelier, he served for four terms on the Committee on Transportation, one on the Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources, and participated in the Vermont Rail Council’s deliberations, and

Whereas, on August 14, 2010, Representative Sonny Audette died, and the memorial display created for his many friends to view as they paid their respects to his family prominently featured replica T-shirts of those worn by New York Yankees star Derek Jeter and Boston Celtics legend Larry Bird, symbolizing Representative Sonny Audette’s loyalties to both cities’ sports teams, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences on his death to Representative Sonny Audette’s wife, Theresa; sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Wanda, and Jeffrey and Kimberly; his daughter, Shirley; his five grandchildren, Meaghan, Katelynn, Ashley, Bethany, and Owen; and his brother and sister-in-law, J. Robert and Anne, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Theresa Audette, her three children, and to J. Robert Audette.