

No. R-40. House concurrent resolution in memory of former Representative and Winooski Mayor Dominique Casavant.

(H.C.R.24)

Offered by: Representatives Bissonnette of Winooski and Gonzalez of Winooski

Whereas, former Representative Dominique Casavant was a native of Lewiston, Maine, graduated from Bates College with a degree in physics, and served in the U.S. Army, and

Whereas, Dom Casavant earned a master's degree from St. Michael's College and a second masters, and ultimately a Ph.D., at the University of Vermont, and

Whereas, for a remarkable 45 years, Dom Casavant was a respected faculty member at St. Michael's College where he taught physics, and

Whereas, the classroom and physics lab were not his only venue at St. Michael's College, as he enjoyed accompanying students to the snowy trails as the coach of the Nordic ski team, and

Whereas, Dom Casavant's interest in civic service led to his holding a number of positions in the Winooski city government, and

Whereas, his municipal roles included terms on the Winooski Development Committee, the Winooski Development Corporation, the Winooski Zoning Board, and the Winooski City Council, and

Whereas, the depth of experience he acquired while serving on different municipal panels persuaded the local voters to elect Dom Casavant to the Winooski mayoralty, an office he held with great pride from 1971–1975, and

Whereas, prior to the 1978 Adjourned Session of the General Assembly, Governor Snelling appointed Dom Casavant to a seat in the House of Representatives, he was elected in his own right for the 1979-1980 Biennium, and his wife, Lucille, served subsequently as a state legislator, and

Whereas, Domonique Casavant's physics expertise was called upon during his tenure on the Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel, and

Whereas, after retiring from the St. Michael's faculty, the Casavants returned to Maine, where Dom taught statistics at Central Maine Community College until May 2014, and

Whereas, former Representative Dom Casavant died on January 16, 2015, and survivors include his wife, their four children, Catherine, Thomas, Jay, and Andre, and the Casavant grandchildren, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly extends its condolences to the family of former Representative Dominique Casavant, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to former Representative Lucille Casavant and to each of their children.