

**No. R-408. Joint resolution relating to the issuance of a commemorative United States postage stamp in honor of former United States Senator George D. Aiken.**

(J.R.S.52)

By Senators McCormack, Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Brock, Campbell, Carris, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, Fox, Galbraith, Giard, Hartwell, Illuzzi, Kitchel, Kittell, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, Miller, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Sears, Snelling, Starr, Westman and White,

*Whereas*, George D. Aiken served his state and nation as a distinguished public servant with honor and humility for over four decades, and

*Whereas*, he began his elected career in the Vermont House of Representatives and rose to the positions of House Speaker, Lieutenant Governor, and then Governor of Vermont, and ultimately from 1941 to 1975 served as United States Senator from the State of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, United States Senator George D. Aiken served Vermont and the nation well with his support of such measures as the St. Lawrence Seaway, Aid for Women, Infants, and Children, Rural Electrification, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and other legislation which improved our lives and our country, and

*Whereas*, his independence and candor as a United States Senator, exemplified by his early and politically courageous criticism of public policies during both the McCarthy era and the Vietnam War, won him respect and admiration from Americans across the political spectrum, and

*Whereas*, George D. Aiken was a pioneering environmentalist through his numerous botanical contributions to Vermont, and

*Whereas*, his love for Vermont was best demonstrated by his lifelong devotion to his native Putney, and

*Whereas*, a man of truth and simplicity, George D. Aiken represented the best qualities of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, he dedicated his life to the betterment of Vermont, and

*Whereas*, George D. Aiken strove to elevate American public life and policy to a height that would merit dignity and respect both at home and abroad, and

*Whereas*, when Vermonters tackle the issues of today, his commonsense approach to problems and wise counsel are sorely missed, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly respectfully requests that the Vermont Congressional Delegation make every possible effort to secure the issuance of a United States postage stamp in honor of the life and accomplishments of former United States Senator George D. Aiken, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the United States Postal Service's Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C. and to the Vermont Congressional Delegation.