

House Resolution No. 4448

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Richard "Dick" Ault of Fulton, Missouri, on July 16, 2007, at the age of eighty-one; and

Whereas, born on December 10, 1925, into the family of Herbert and Madeline Ault of Saint Louis, Dick Ault married the former Barbara Bahr on June 17, 1950, to form a loving marital relationship that would be blessed by four children, Richard Lawrence Ault, David Bryant Ault, Susan Elaine Kaiser, and Carolyn Jan Mitchell, and four grandchildren, Bryan, Kelly, Katie, and Matthew; and

Whereas, from 1944 to 1945 Dick Ault served his country as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps, in 1948 he placed fourth in the 400 meter hurdles at the London Olympics, and in 1949 he tied the world record for hurdles in Oslo, Norway; and

Whereas, Dick Ault began his teaching and coaching career in 1950 after winning four Big Six and Big Seven titles in the 220-yard hurdles, a title in the quarter-mile, and numerous races as a member of a mile-relay team at the University of Missouri; and

Whereas, Dick Ault served as a college teacher and coach at Westminster College in Fulton from 1967 to 1996; and

Whereas, in addition to his achievements as an educator, Dick Ault was Track and Field Chairman for the Illinois Association, assisted the Director of the Missouri State High School Activities Association, and founded the Fulton Swim Fins youth swimming team; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dick Ault was a member of the Missouri Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame, University of Missouri Hall of Fame, Missouri State Sports Hall of Fame, and National Sports Hall of Fame and had a street in Fulton's Veterans Park named for him in honor of his Olympic career:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Dick Ault and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Richard "Dick" Ault of Fulton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4448, adopted August 13, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker