



City of Framingham

Proclamation

October 9, 2023

Whereas, on October 9, 1918, Charles "Charlie" H. Audet was one of 10 children born into a French-Canadian family in Fitchburg. Born around World War I, he and his siblings slept 3-to-4 in a pull-out bed. Audet's father was a barber who worked 6 days a week on commission, but made dinner on Sundays. Audet's mother made all the family's clothes.

Whereas, Charlie Audet graduated from high school and was working as a bell hop when he was drafted to serve in World War II in 1941, at the age of 23. Only 5-feet, 2-inches, all of his U.S. Army clothes has to be custom-made.

Whereas, Charlie Audet was a member of the first American paratrooper unit during World War II. At the beginning of World War II there were about 500 members of the 509th, but only about 100 survived the War.

Whereas, Charlie Audet was wounded by shrapnel during the Battle of the Bulge in January of 1945. Of the 750 members from the 509th at the Battle of the Bulge, only 48 were not injured or died. Audet recuperated at a hospital on the French & German border, but then went back to fight again, and enjoyed watching the German troops surrender in May of 1945.

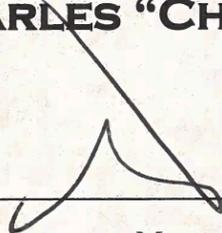
Whereas, Charlie Audet ended his U.S. Army career as a corporal and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his service.

Whereas, Charlie Audet returned to the States after the war and graduated from Boston University in three years, via the GI Bill. Charlie Audet then had a successful career as an accountant.

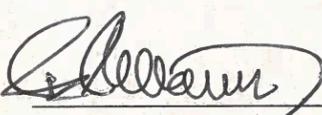
Whereas, Charlie Audet met the love of his life Eleanore and married her on April 18, 1953. They lived in Leominster for four years before buying a green ranch house in Framingham in 1957. Charlie and Eleanore served as foster parents, and were a loving presence to 4 dozen nieces and nephews.

Whereas, Charlie Audet, continues to live in his green ranch house on Central Street 65 years later, and has contributed to make our world safer and better for all. I, Mayor Charlie Sisitsky, and the 11-member City Council want to mark his 105th birthday by declaring today, October 9, Charles "Charlie" Audet Day in the City of Framingham

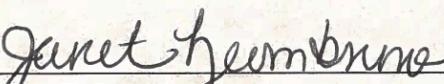
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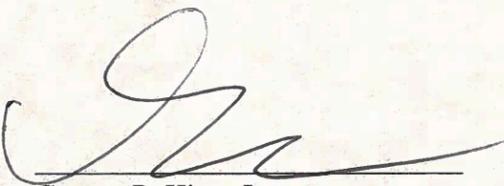
Mayor Charlie Sisitsky



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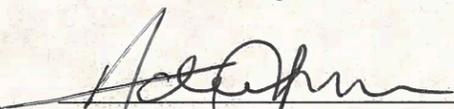
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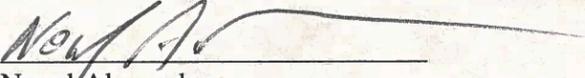
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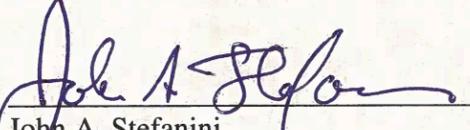
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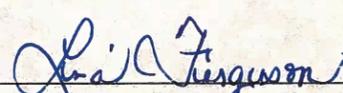


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District 8 Councilor



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District 9 Councilor

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