



POSTHUMOUS HONOURS - JOSEPH-ARMAND BOMBARDIER

Joseph-Armand Bombardier has received countless posthumous testimonies of respect, admiration, and recognition from various associations, institutions or organizations wishing to pay tribute to the ingenuity of the man and his work.

July 20, 1971 The City of Montréal gives the name Boulevard Armand-Bombardier to the northern extension of Boulevard Ray Lawson in the borough of Anjou, from Boulevard Henri-Bourassa up to Boulevard Perras and which would eventually extend to Avenue Victor-Morin (24th avenue) in the borough of Rivière-des-Prairies/Pointe-aux-Trembles.

April 24, 1979 Junior Achievement Canada honours Joseph-Armand Bombardier. He was the first Quebecer and French Canadian to be included in the new Canadian Business Hall of Fame in recognition of his contribution to the expansion and development of Canada. This honour, bestowed posthumously, was awarded to him at a ceremony bringing together in Toronto, Canada's leading representatives of the world of business, education, work, government and information.

August 18, 1981 *The International Society for Terrain-Vehicle Systems* bestows the honorary title of "Fellow Member for Life" on Joseph-Armand Bombardier for his exceptional contribution to the engineering field. This honour is in recognition of his dedication and his excellent work at the research and development level in the field of land vehicles as well as environmental conditions in Canada.

April 16, 1984 Bombardier Inc. pays tribute to Joseph-Armand Bombardier, Québec inventor, as part of the 25th anniversary of the marketing of the Ski-Doo® snowmobile, an invention that gave birth to an original Canadian industry and a winter sport having millions of enthusiasts around the world.

January 12, 1989 Joseph-Armand Bombardier is inducted in the *International Snowmobile Racing Hall of Fame* as an inventor. This recognition is granted to him as a pioneer in the snowmobile world, having recognized, among other things, the value of the lightweight and powerful 2-stroke engine, and in view of the interest in performance and racing activity that grew around this sport, as an avenue of development worthy of encouragement.

July 1991 The Conseil du Patronat du Québec presents a posthumous Life-time Achievement Award to Joseph-Armand Bombardier. This award pays tribute to Mr. Bombardier's career as an entrepreneur. It also seeks to cite him as an example of a French-Canadian success with a view to stimulating the entrepreneurial spirit of others.

1993 The National Research Council of Canada (NRCC) creates a Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame in order to honour Canadians of the past and present having made a remarkable contribution to the progress of science

and technology. The NRCC recognizes their vision and their work. Joseph-Armand Bombardier is chosen as the creator of the snowmobile. His tenacity and his inventive spirit are recognized. He is one of the first scientists to be inducted in this Hall of Fame.

1994 Joseph-Armand Bombardier is inducted in the *International Snowmobile Hall of Fame* as an inventor, designer and manufacturer whose name is synonymous with legend in the snowmobile world. It defines him as a true pioneer and recognizes him for having seen both the practical side of and the recreational possibilities associated with his invention.

May 26, 1995 Canada Post issues two commemorative stamps in the *Historic Land Vehicles, Farm and Frontier Vehicles* series, one showing a 1970 Ski-Doo®, Olympique 335 snowmobile and the other a 1948 B12 CS snowmobile.

March 17, 2000 Joseph-Armand Bombardier is the subject of a commemorative stamp of the Canada Post *Millennium Collection – Reflections of our nation – Fathers of Invention* series.

May 30, 2002 The Federal Canadian Heritage Minister presents a plaque from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada to the J. Armand Bombardier Museum, recognizing the historic importance of Joseph-Armand Bombardier for our nation.

September 28, 2004 The Commission de toponymie officially designates Highway 55 between the town of Stanstead and Autoroute Jean-Lesage, near Drummondville, as AUTOROUTE JOSEPH-ARMAND-BOMBARDIER. The following considerations justify the new name: 2004 marks the 40th anniversary of the death of Mr. Bombardier and he is closely associated with this region of Québec which is crossed by the southern segment of Autoroute 55. The Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste de Sherbrooke was behind a major popular campaign to have Autoroute 55 renamed.

October 12, 2006 Joseph-Armand Bombardier is inducted in the Canadian Manufacturing Hall of Fame in the *Founder* category. This association's mission is to pay tribute to those Canadians having contributed most significantly to the economic, political, educational or technological development of the Canadian manufacturing industry, as well as to enhance public awareness of Canadian manufacturing's rich history and of its importance to Canadian and international markets.

In the years to come, there will be additional occasions to pay tribute to Joseph-Armand Bombardier, whose inventions are behind one of the largest Canadian-owned manufacturing complexes. Mr. Bombardier's success is synonymous with remaining on the cutting edge of innovation and continues to arouse interest today.