

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 317

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the American
Visionary Art Museum.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

Ms. MIKULSKI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

DECEMBER 9, 2015

Committee discharged; considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the opening of the
American Visionary Art Museum.

Whereas the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore,
Maryland, opened on November 24, 1995;

Whereas, in 1992, Congress designated the American Vision-
ary Art Museum as the national repository and education
center for visionary art;

Whereas the American Visionary Art Museum—

(1) is the first museum in North America that is
wholly dedicated to assembling a comprehensive national
collection of visionary art;

(2) perseveres due largely to the leadership of its
founder, Rebecca Alban Hoffberger, who built the idea of

assembling a comprehensive national collection of visionary art into an institution;

(3) encourages art as a means of expression for at-risk youth and other individuals who are often overlooked;

(4) seeks to end the stigma associated with disability by illuminating the power to overcome the adversity associated with disability through creativity;

(5) educates, inspires, and entertains over 125,000 visitors each year; and

(6) continues to fulfill its mission to increase awareness of uncommon art that is created out of extraordinary circumstances; and

Whereas it is in the best interest of the national welfare and each United States citizen—

(1) to preserve visionary art; and

(2) to celebrate visionary art as a unique art form:

Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commemorates the 20th anniversary of the
3 opening of the American Visionary Art Museum; and

4 (2) reaffirms that visionary art is a rare and
5 valuable national treasure to which individuals in the
6 United States should devote attention, support, and
7 resources to ensure it is collected, preserved, and un-
8 derstood.

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