

**No. R-195. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center on its 40th anniversary.**

(H.C.R.143)

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Moran of Wardsboro, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Whereas, 40 years ago, a group of concerned citizens lovingly restored Brattleboro's historic 1915 Union Station building, which soon after was named to the National Register of Historic Places, and

Whereas, in an impressive example of the repurposing of a former transportation building, those local residents transformed Union Station into the now nationally renowned Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC), and

Whereas, BMAC enriches the Town of Brattleboro and surrounding communities by presenting world-class contemporary art exhibitions showcasing the work of such internationally renowned artists as Andy Warhol, Wolf Kahn, and Maya Lin as well as the emerging artists of the future, and

Whereas, art exhibitions are only one facet of BMAC's activities, as it hosts lectures, concerts, and many other events and offers an international travel program featuring art-focused educational journeys, and

Whereas, BMAC serves as a leader in southern Vermont in engaging schoolchildren through visual art, employing the widely respected methodology known as Visual Thinking Strategies, which enhances students' critical-thinking and literacy skills, and

Whereas, the museum serves as Vermont's affiliate for the prestigious national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, which recognize and encourage our state's budding young artists and writers, and

Whereas, BMAC is an important New England arts destination and worthy of commendation for a job well done, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Danny Lichtenfeld, Director of the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, and to the Museum's Board of Trustees and staff.