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Honoring Anne d'Harnoncourt for her contributions as an internationally-esteemed museum leader and art scholar.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SCHWARTZ submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring Anne d'Harnoncourt for her contributions as an internationally-esteemed museum leader and art scholar.

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt was born in Washington, District of Columbia, on September 7, 1943;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt graduated from Radcliffe College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and from the Courtauld Institute of Art in London with a Master of Arts degree before she began her museum career in 1967 as a curatorial assistant at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the institution where she spent the overwhelming majority of her illustrious career;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt wrote numerous articles, books, and retrospectives on modern art and artists, which have been recognized by her peers as meaningful, insightful, and intellectual contributions to her field;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt rose to become the director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art in 1982, and became both the director and chief executive officer of the museum in 1997;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt had the intellect, ability, and warmth to speak about art in a manner that connected with the broader public, and presided over successful efforts to engage diverse audiences at the Philadelphia Museum of Art;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt directed various successful touring exhibitions, oversaw renovations and the expansion of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and oversaw major capital campaigns to make those improvements possible;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt was instrumental in raising the profile of and respect for the Philadelphia Museum of Art throughout the world;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt was dedicated to the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Museum of Art, as evidenced by her tireless work to preserve the art and culture of Philadelphia;

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt was an inspiring and powerful force in Philadelphia, across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, across the Nation, and around the world, and her work and professional leadership will have a long-lasting, positive effect; and

Whereas Anne d'Harnoncourt passed away on June 1, 2008, and will be sorely missed: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes and honors Anne d’Harnoncourt
2 for her extraordinary contributions as an inter-
3 nationally-esteemed museum leader and art scholar;
4 and

5 (2) expresses its deepest condolences upon the
6 death of Anne d’Harnoncourt to her husband, Jo-
7 seph J. Rishel, and her surviving family members
8 and many friends at the Museum, across the Phila-
9 delphia region and around the world.

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