

Rep. Vagnozzi offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 225.

A resolution commemorating the Grand Opening of the newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts.

Whereas, The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) was founded in 1885 and was originally located on Jefferson Avenue, but due to its rapidly expanding collection it moved to a larger site on Woodward Avenue. The new Beaux-Arts building, which was created by Paul Cret, has been referred to as the “temple of art.” Two wings were added in the 1960s and 1970s and the most recent renovation began in 1999; and

Whereas, The pre-1999 museum covered 600,000 square feet which included more than 100 galleries, an 1150-seat auditorium, a 380-seat lecture/recital hall, an art reference library. The recent expansion added 77,000 square feet; and

Whereas, The DIA’s collection is one of the largest and most significant in the U.S. It comprises a multicultural and multinational survey of human creativity from pre-history through the 21st century. The DIA is known for its diversity in their collection. In addition to displaying outstanding American, European, Modern and Contemporary, and Graphic art, the museum holds significant works of African, Asian, Native American, Oceanic, and Island Ancient art; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body commemorates the Grand Opening of the newly renovated Detroit Institute of Arts. We congratulate the DIA Board of Governors upon this esteemed occasion. May they have many more years of providing art and culture to the citizens of the state of Michigan.