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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION TO IMMEDIATELY RENAME THE  
ARTHUR M. SACKLER GALLERY.

1           WHEREAS, opioids are a class of drugs that includes the  
2 prescription pain relievers oxycodone, hydrocodone, codeine, and  
3 morphine; and  
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5           WHEREAS, opioids are highly addictive, even when used as  
6 prescribed by a physician; and  
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8           WHEREAS, in 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and  
9 Prevention declared opioid abuse a national epidemic; and  
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11           WHEREAS, opioid overdoses claim more lives every year than  
12 motor vehicle accidents or gun violence; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the prescription painkiller OxyContin, a brand  
15 name for oxycodone, is at the heart of this epidemic; and  
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17           WHEREAS, OxyContin was developed by Purdue Pharma, owned  
18 and operated by the Sackler family; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the Sackler family launched OxyContin with a  
21 multi-faceted marketing campaign that misinformed physicians  
22 about the risks of opioids; and  
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24           WHEREAS, this campaign was led by doctors who were paid by  
25 Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family to falsely convince  
26 physicians of OxyContin's safety and non-addictive properties;  
27 and  
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29           WHEREAS, Psychiatrist Allen Frances was quoted in the *New*  
30 *Yorker* as saying, "Most of the questionable practices that



1 propelled the pharmaceutical industry into the scourge it is  
2 today can be attributed to Arthur Sackler"; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery is one of the  
5 Smithsonian Institution's two prestigious museums of Asian art;  
6 now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
9 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
10 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Smithsonian Institution  
11 is urged to immediately rename the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, in  
12 light of the family's significant contributions to today's  
13 opioid crisis; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary, Inspector  
17 General, Chief Operating Officer, Assistant Secretary for  
18 Communications and External Affairs, and General Counsel of the  
19 Smithsonian Institution.

