

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1115  
OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ELAINE NEKRITZ

**WHEREAS**, 2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Art Glass in the United States, and to celebrate the milestone and recognize the many talented artists, including many in Illinois, more than 500 glass demonstrations, lectures, and exhibitions will take place in museums, galleries, art centers, universities, art organizations, festivals, and other venues across the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The Midwest Contemporary Glass Art Group (MCGAG) is an Illinois non-profit organization with over 200 members primarily in Illinois whose mission is to educate the public concerning the development and appreciation of Contemporary Glass Art in the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, The Art Alliance of Contemporary Glass (AACG) is a national non-profit organization with members primarily from the United States, whose mission is to educate the public and to provide grants to further the development and appreciation of art made from glass (Contemporary Glass Art); and

**WHEREAS**, AACG and MCGAG inform and educate the public, including collectors, critics, and art curators and provide financial support with grants to University Glass Programs, Museums, Art Center Glass Exhibitions, and other public glass programs for Contemporary Glass Art; and

**WHEREAS**, There are glass art education programs at Illinois State University and Southern Illinois University whose students are participating in the recognition of the 50th Anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, The Art Institute of Chicago, the Krannert Art Museum in Urbana-Champaign, the Rockford Art Museum, and other art venues in Illinois are having exhibitions in 2012 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States is also being specifically celebrated and recognized on November 3rd, 2012 by over 300 glass collectors, glass artists, curators, and art gallery owners at an event sponsored by AACG on the Spirit of Chicago in connection with the Sculpture Objects & Functional Art International Art Show (SOFA), one of the World's Foremost Fairs of Art and Design Events at the Navy Pier in Chicago from November 1st through the 4th 2012; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**, that we recognize the 50th Anniversary of the development of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That we applaud and honor the accomplishments of the MCGAG and AACG as they celebrate the 50th Anniversary in Illinois and the United States and proclaim the year of 2012 as Contemporary Glass Art Awareness Year in Illinois; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That we encourage Illinois educators to provide educational programs for their students about Contemporary Glass Art and to arrange for students to attend exhibitions and otherwise participate in the various events and exhibitions recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Contemporary Glass Art in the State of Illinois; we also encourage all Illinois citizens to attend events and exhibitions in Illinois recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Contemporary Glass Art; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, as well as members of the Art Alliance of Contemporary Glass and Midwest Contemporary Glass Art Group, at the special celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Contemporary Glass Art in the United States on the Spirit of Chicago on November 3, 2012 during the SOFA Event at Navy Pier in Chicago, as a symbol of our respect and esteem for those organizations and their memberships.

Adopted by the House of Representatives on May 31, 2012.

*Timothy D. Mapes*

TIMOTHY D. MAPES  
CLERK OF THE HOUSE



*Michael J. Madigan*

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE