
HOUSE 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 OxyCotin's safety and non-addictive properties;
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29 WHEREAS, Psychiatrist Allen Frances was quoted in the *New*
30 *Yorker* as saying, "Most of the questionable practices that
31 propelled the pharmaceutical industry into the scourge it is
32 today can be attributed to Arthur Sackler"; and



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1 WHEREAS, the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery is one of the
 2 Smithsonian Institution's two prestigious museums of Asian art;
 3 now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 7 2019, that the Smithsonian Institution is urged to immediately
 8 rename the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, in light of the family's
 9 significant contributions to today's opioid crisis; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Smithsonian
 13 Institution, the Smithsonian Institution's Inspector General,
 14 the Smithsonian Institution's Chief Operating Officer, the
 15 Smithsonian Institution's Assistant Secretary for Communications
 16 and External Affairs, and the Smithsonian Institution's General
 17 Counsel.
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