

No. R-100. House concurrent resolution honoring the Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto for his extraordinary accomplishments, creativity, collaborative artistic leadership, and nomination for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize.

(H.C.R.80)

Offered by Representative Casey of Montpelier

Whereas, Michelangelo Pistoletto is an artist whose societal involvement is an essential aspect of his oeuvre, and

Whereas, he was born in 1933 in Biella, Italy; began figurative painting in the 1950s; participated in the Biennale di San Marino in 1959; in 1960, staged his first solo exhibition in Turin, Italy; and later in the decade, was honored with his first solo American exhibition at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, and

Whereas, in 1962, Michelangelo Pistoletto began painting on mirrors to reflect the realities of a painting's location; subsequently, he assembled rags in combination with casts of classical statuary to break down the hierarchies of art, and these forms of art symbolized his desire to foster "a shared and responsible concept of humanity," and closely align him with Italy's Arte Povera movement, and

Whereas, a highlight of Michelangelo Pistoletto's distinguished career is his establishment of the Fondazione Pistoletto Cittadellarte, a unique art community located in the former Lanificio Trombetta wool mill in his hometown, and

Whereas, in 1994, he published the *Progetto Arte Manifesto*, which called for "artists to take on the responsibility of establishing ties among all human activities," and

Whereas, in 1998, the word Cittadellarte replaced the term Associazione in the community's name, symbolizing the facility's role as an expression of the Progetto Arte movement, and the Cittadellarte has evolved into a major center of artistic exploration and innovation for both artists and the public, and

Whereas, in February 2025, Michelangelo Pistoletto was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his life's commitment to peaceful collaboration through art, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the Italian artist Michelangelo Pistoletto for his extraordinary accomplishments, creativity, collaborative artistic leadership, and nomination for the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michelangelo Pistoletto.