

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved a conference report on the funding for the Emily Dickinson Museum. Olver is a member of the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee and secured the funding under the Save America's Treasures Act. "The Emily Dickinson Museum truly is a gem and deserves designation under Save America's Treasures Act," Olver said. "The funding will allow for the restoration of the museum and the surrounding area. Earlier this year, the Dickinson Homestead, owned by Amherst College since 1965, and The Evergreen State Park were designated as Save America's Treasures sites. The Homestead has long been in need of restoration to its exterior carpentry and masonry to control water damage. In addition, systems evaluations and upgrades will address problems with aging electrical and plumbing. Cindy Dickinson, Director of the Emily Dickinson Museum said, "Emily Dickinson is considered one of the most important figures in American literature. The conference report approved by the House yesterday is the reconciled version separate House and Senate reports."

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