

WASHINGTON , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc. has received the 2017 National Historic Landmark Award for Preservation. "Ongoing efforts to restore The Mount to its original splendor have been quite successful to date, and the award is a testament to the dedication of the Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc. was founded in 1980 to preserve and restore The Mount as a tribute to Edith Wharton. The Mount is the only U.S. monument to Edith Wharton. It is also one of the only 5 percent of National Historic Landmarks that are privately owned. Wharton designed and built The Mount based on the principles outlined in her book, The Decoration of Houses. The Preserve America Presidential Awards are annual awards given to organizations, businesses, governments, and individuals for their contributions to the preservation of the nation's historic and cultural resources.

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