

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that Congress has approved

The funding is included in the fiscal year (FY) 2006 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development

Olver is the Ranking Member (most senior Democrat) of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation

The two projects are:

\$300,000 for facility renovation and disability access improvements to the Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

The Mahaiwe Theater was built in 1905 and is currently awaiting inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places

"When restored, the Mahaiwe will be a premier performing arts presenting house in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

For more information on this project, contact Lola Jafee, President and Board Chair, Mahaiwe Performing Arts Center

\$300,000 for the Edith Wharton Restoration, Inc. in Lenox

Edith Wharton Restoration (EWR) plans to restore the historic Stable at the Mount to house its historical collection

"Upgrading and restoring the Stable will increase the Mount's viability as a tourist attraction and an economic development

For more information on this project, contact Stephanie Copeland, President, Edith Wharton's The Mount