

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. RES. 345

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of Fenton Art Glass, a beloved institution in West Virginia, that continues to contribute to the economic and cultural heritage of the State through its production of world renowned, hand-blown glass.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 21, 2005

Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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# RESOLUTION

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Whereas Fenton Art Glass rose from its humble beginnings as a glass decorating company in 1905, and came to settle in Williamstown, West Virginia, by opening a factory to create their own glass when they were unable to obtain the glass that they needed;

Whereas, with the vision of brothers Frank and John Fenton, Fenton Art Glass began to create innovative new colors and established the company in the forefront of the hand-blown glass industry;

Whereas in 1907, Fenton introduced its highly colorful Iridescent, or “Carnival” Glass, which became instantly successful throughout the country and is now highly prized by collectors around the world;

Whereas during the 1930s and 1940s, Fenton addressed the shortages felt by families in the United States by producing mixing bowls and tableware that were often unavailable during the World War II and Depression shortages;

Whereas Fenton Art Glass is not only a family tradition, with the third generation of the Fenton family now carrying on the legacy, but also a West Virginia institution, employing generations of workers; and

Whereas Fenton Glass, known for its beauty and precision in craftsmanship, is a symbol of the dedication and care of the Fenton family, as well as the pride in craftsmanship so characteristic of the West Virginia people: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the Senate congratulates Fenton Art
- 2 Glass on its centennial milestone, for creating beautiful,
- 3 hand-blown glass in West Virginia for 100 years.

