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PRESS RELEASE

From the Office of:
Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.)
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The works of art of old and new masters will be shown in Rhode Island in the coming months through the efforts of Senator Claiborne Pell.

The National Gallery of Art and the Smithsonian Institution will provide exhibitions that will be shown throughout the state, from the State Capitol to city and town halls and in at least one library.

The Renaissance works of Raphael, Botticelli, Tiepolo, among other famous Italian artists, will be in the traveling exhibit sponsored by the National Gallery of Art. It will open in Providence City Hall, Thursday June 7, and continue through June 18.

Mayor Walter H. Reynolds will join Senator Claiborne Pell in the formal opening of the National Gallery's traveling show at ceremonies scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Thursday June 7, in the lower lobby of Providence City Hall, where reproductions of 16 famous paintings will be displayed.

This exhibit is an innovation proposed by Senator Pell. If it is successful in Rhode Island, it is expected to continue its travels elsewhere in the country.

About 40 reproductions of water colors by the great French impressionists of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries will be on display in the State House beginning Monday June 11, for a three week period only. These are on loan from the Smithsonian and will include such works as those of: Daumier, Degas, Gaughin, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Picasso, and Toulouse-Lautrec.

The tentative schedule for the traveling National Gallery exhibit is as follows:

Providence City Hall, June 7-18; Pawtucket City Hall, June 20-
July 3; Burnside Memorial, Bristol, July 6-20; Barrington Town Hall,
July 23-Aug. 3; Westerly Town Council Chamber, Aug. 6-20; Narra-
gansett, at a place to be announced, Aug. 22-Sept. 5; Newport
City Hall, Sept. 7-21; Coventry Town House, Sept. 24-Oct. 8; East
Greenwich Library, Oct. 10-24; Warwick City Hall, Oct. 26-Nov. 9;
West Warwick Town Hall, Nov. 13-27; Johnston Town Hall, Nov. 29-
Dec. 13; Scituate Town Hall, Dec. 17-Dec. 31; Cranston City Hall,
Jan. 3-17; East Providence City Hall, Jan. 21-Feb. 4; Central Falls
City Hall, Feb. 6-20; Cumberland Town Hall, Feb. 23-March 8; and
Woonsocket City Hall, March 11-25.