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**SECRETARY GALVIN PRESENTS 2018 PRESERVATION AWARD  
TO THE PAUL REVERE HOUSE EDUCATION & VISITOR CENTER IN BOSTON**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, Chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, has announced that the Paul Revere House Education & Visitor Center, Boston has received a 2018 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is proud to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of this year’s awardees,” said Galvin. “The projects the Commission recognizes this year are particularly diverse and represent the many creative ways that significant historic resources are being preserved across the Commonwealth. The rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the historic double house at the rear of the Paul Revere property into much-needed museum facilities is a great success story for Boston’s North End.”

Built on land at the rear of what was part of Paul Revere’s original North End property, the building now housing the Paul Revere House Education and Visitor Center was constructed between 1835 and 1836 as part of a small row-house development on Lathrop Place. The double house was modified a number of times over the ensuing decades and was used as a two-family house owned by a series of Italian-American families from 1902 until 2007, when it was acquired by the Paul Revere Memorial Association.

The sensitive restoration of the Lathrop Place property provides 3,600 square feet of additional space used for program and meeting rooms as well as offices, a store, a library, and accessible restrooms. It also has given the Association the ability to fulfill its mission to expand beyond the focus on Paul Revere and better tell the story of the neighborhood, especially the importance of immigration, into the 20th century.

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The project also preserves a type of building that is often demolished or stripped of its historic character as part of a conversion into apartments or condominiums. Its new life as a museum space will allow it to tell important stories of Boston's history long into the future.

This is the 40th year of MHC's Preservation Awards program. Projects are considered annually for awards in the categories of Rehabilitation and Restoration, Adaptive Reuse, Education and Outreach, Archaeology, Stewardship, and Landscape Preservation. Individuals are considered in the categories of Lifetime Achievement and Local Preservationist. Secretary Galvin serves as the chair of the 17-member Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Secretary Galvin is pictured presenting the award to the Paul Revere House Education & Visitor Center at an afternoon ceremony on May 16, 2018, at the Massachusetts Archives Building at 220 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester (left to right John Hecker, Paul Revere Memorial Association; Paul Revere, III, Paul Revere Memorial Association; Secretary William F. Galvin; Nina Zannieri, Paul Revere Memorial Association; Don Mills, Mills Whitaker Architects; Craig Whitaker, Mills Whitaker Architects. Photo by Wyeth Lilley).



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