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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Philanthropists Emmett and Miriam McCoy have
2 announced a gift of \$20 million to Texas State University--San
3 Marcos, to be used to create the Emmett and Miriam McCoy College of
4 Business Administration; and

5 WHEREAS, The largest single gift in the history of Texas
6 State University--San Marcos, the McCoy's donation will fund a new
7 building for the college, as well as endowed chairs, distinguished
8 professorships, undergraduate and graduate scholarships, and
9 faculty, student, and program development; and

10 WHEREAS, University officials anticipate that the new
11 college will serve 3,500 undergraduate majors, about 1,500
12 undergraduate minors, and more than 450 graduate majors; the
13 college will be composed of the departments of accounting,
14 management, marketing, computer information systems and
15 quantitative methods, and finance and economics; and

16 WHEREAS, McCoy Hall is expected to open in the spring of 2006
17 and will include a 150-seat teaching theater, named in memory of the
18 McCoy's late son Dennis and in honor of his wife, Cindy; and

19 WHEREAS, Emmett McCoy, formerly the president and chief
20 executive officer of McCoy's Building Supply Centers, announced the
21 magnificent gift on behalf of his wife and himself on February 27,
22 2004, his 81st birthday; and

23 WHEREAS, Esteemed members of the San Marcos community for
24 more than 30 years, the McCoy's moved to that city with their four

1 children, Mike, Brian, Dennis, and Brenda, when they relocated the
2 company headquarters there in 1972; and

3 WHEREAS, Now one of the largest family-owned businesses in
4 its industry, McCoy's Building Supply Centers was established by
5 Frank McCoy, Mr. McCoy's father, in Houston in 1923 as a contract
6 roofing company; Frank McCoy moved the business to Galveston four
7 years later and eventually began selling building supplies; and

8 WHEREAS, Emmett McCoy joined the company after returning home
9 from service in World War II, and in 1952 he succeeded his father as
10 head of the business; the company was thriving and beginning to
11 expand into other towns when Hurricane Carla hit the Texas Gulf
12 Coast in 1961 and sent the demand for building supplies soaring; Mr.
13 McCoy's firm soon had annual sales of more than \$1 million--partly
14 because it had not raised its prices in the wake of the storm--and
15 in 1964 the booming company became McCoy's Building Supply Centers;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Emmett McCoy retired in 1997, and the company is now
18 directed by his son Brian; today the business employs more than
19 2,000 people and operates 86 stores in five states--Arkansas,
20 Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; and

21 WHEREAS, In consequence of Mr. and Mrs. McCoy's extraordinary
22 generosity, the Emmett and Miriam McCoy College of Business
23 Administration is poised to become one of the best such colleges in
24 the state, and Texas State University has gained immeasurable
25 distinction; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
27 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby warmly congratulate Emmett

1 McCoy on the occasion of his 81st birthday and extend to Emmett and
2 Miriam McCoy deepest appreciation for a gift to Texas State
3 University--San Marcos that will benefit Texans and the Lone Star
4 State for generations to come; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. McCoy as an expression of high regard by
7 the Texas House of Representatives.