

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Margaret McDermott, an eminent longtime supporter  
2 of the Dallas Museum of Art, and a group of other Dallas  
3 philanthropists have made the largest combined gift ever presented  
4 to the DMA; and

5           WHEREAS, Announced in February 2005, the gift is valued at  
6 approximately \$400 million and coincides with the completion of the  
7 first phase of the museum's \$185 million centennial capital  
8 campaign; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. McDermott, whose benefactions to the DMA over a  
10 span of more than five decades have made her the museum's most  
11 generous donor, has now promised to that institution an acclaimed  
12 painting titled *Water Lilies--The Clouds*, by Claude Monet;  
13 completed in 1903 and noted for its "sheer beauty and brilliant  
14 coloring," the work is considered to be the most important  
15 Impressionist painting in private hands in Texas; it presently  
16 forms part of one of the greatest Impressionist and  
17 Postimpressionist collections in the region; and

18           WHEREAS, The wife of the late Eugene McDermott, a founder of  
19 Texas Instruments, Mrs. McDermott played a major role in the  
20 relocation of the DMA from Fair Park to the new downtown Dallas Arts  
21 District in 1984 and in the construction of the subsequent Hamon  
22 Wing extension; her new gift is being made in honor of Nancy Hamon,  
23 another distinguished supporter of the DMA; and

24           WHEREAS, The Dallas Museum of Art, established in 1903,

1 boasts an encyclopedic collection of more than 23,000 works  
2 spanning 5,000 years of history and representing all media; the  
3 extraordinary generosity of Mrs. McDermott and her fellow donors  
4 exemplifies a remarkable degree of civic pride and advances  
5 dramatically the mission of that outstanding institution; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby honor Margaret McDermott for her exceptional  
9 philanthropy in behalf of the Dallas Museum of Art and extend to her  
10 profound appreciation for cultural leadership that will forever  
11 enrich the citizens of this state; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for Mrs. McDermott as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.

McCall

H.R. No. 667

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 667 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House