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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.