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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deedie and Rusty Rose, eminent longtime supporters
2 of the Dallas Museum of Art, and a group of other Dallas
3 philanthropists have made the largest combined donation ever
4 presented to the DMA; and

5 WHEREAS, Including more than 800 pieces from several
6 outstanding private collections of modern and contemporary art, the
7 gifts were announced in February 2005, following the completion of
8 the first phase of the museum's \$185 million centennial capital
9 campaign; and

10 WHEREAS, Redeeming a pledge made in 2000, after the launch of
11 the campaign, the Roses have marked the successful completion of
12 phase one in several significant ways--by giving a generous
13 contribution to the fund-raising drive, by making an outright
14 donation to the DMA of a number of artworks, and by bequeathing to
15 the museum the remainder of their superb collection; and

16 WHEREAS, Together with Marguerite and Robert Hoffman and
17 Cindy and Howard Rachofsky, whose bequests to the DMA were
18 announced at the same time, the Roses have supported a
19 collaborative master plan for contemporary art that encourages the
20 building of noncompetitive, complementary collections by Dallas
21 art patrons; and

22 WHEREAS, Assembled by a former president of the DMA Board of
23 Trustees and her husband, the Rose collection features a strong
24 emphasis on sculpture, modern furniture, and handmade objects;

1 included are classic examples by Sol LeWitt, Robert Ryman, Richard
2 Serra, Wolfgang Laib, Richard Tuttle, and Fred Sandback, many of
3 them evoking a sense of serenity and making a connection to nature;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, With the magnificent donations of contemporary
6 works pledged by the Roses, the Hoffmans, and the Rachofskys, the
7 DMA is destined to become a leading center for the study and
8 enjoyment of art created over the past five decades; at the same
9 time, by ensuring the superior quality of the museum's contemporary
10 holdings, these benefactors are freeing the DMA to devote greater
11 resources to other areas of need; and

12 WHEREAS, Established in 1903, the Dallas Museum of Art boasts
13 an encyclopedic collection of more than 23,000 works spanning 5,000
14 years of history and representing all media; the extraordinary
15 generosity of Deedie and Rusty Rose and their fellow donors
16 exemplifies a remarkable degree of civic pride and advances
17 dramatically the mission of that outstanding institution; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor Deedie and Rusty Rose for their
21 significant contributions to the Dallas Museum of Art and extend to
22 them sincere appreciation for cultural leadership that will forever
23 enrich the citizens of this state; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Rose as an expression of high regard by
26 the Texas House of Representatives.