

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Cindy and Howard Rachofsky, eminent longtime  
2 supporters 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, shortly after the  
11 launch of the campaign, the Rachofskys have marked the successful  
12 completion of phase one in several significant ways--by giving a  
13 generous contribution to the fund-raising drive, by making an  
14 outright donation to the DMA of various artworks, and by  
15 bequeathing to the museum the remainder of their collection, a  
16 stellar assemblage of leading-edge, contemporary art; and

17           WHEREAS, They have also promised the museum their house, a  
18 multilevel glass and steel building conceived by Richard Meier and  
19 designed to showcase the collection on a rotating basis; this  
20 stunning residence further has an expansive garden for sculpture  
21 and site-specific works; in addition to the art and property, the  
22 Rachofskys have pledged an endowment to enable their home to be used  
23 for public purposes; and

24           WHEREAS, Cindy Rachofsky, who serves on the DMA Board of

1 Trustees and chairs its development committee, and Howard  
2 Rachofsky, who is a member of the committee on collections, have  
3 previously given the museum a number of significant contemporary  
4 pieces; they have also been instrumental in the establishment of  
5 the DMA/amFAR Benefit Auction, one of the country's most successful  
6 charity art events, the proceeds of which go to museum acquisitions  
7 and AIDS research; and

8 WHEREAS, Together with Marguerite and Robert Hoffman and  
9 Deedie and Rusty Rose, who have similarly pledged their collections  
10 of contemporary art to the museum, the Rachofskys are transforming  
11 the DMA into a leading center for the study and enjoyment of art  
12 created over the past five decades; at the same time, by ensuring  
13 the superior quality of the museum's contemporary holdings, they  
14 are freeing the DMA to devote greater resources to other areas of  
15 need; and

16 WHEREAS, Established in 1903, the Dallas Museum of Art boasts  
17 an encyclopedic collection of more than 23,000 works spanning 5,000  
18 years of history and representing all media; the extraordinary  
19 generosity of Cindy and Howard Rachofsky and their fellow donors  
20 exemplifies a remarkable degree of civic pride and advances  
21 dramatically the mission of that outstanding institution; now,  
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby honor Cindy and Howard Rachofsky for their  
25 exceptional philanthropy in behalf of the Dallas Museum of Art and  
26 extend to them profound appreciation for cultural leadership that  
27 will forever enrich the citizens of this state; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Rachofsky as an expression of high regard  
3 by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 669

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 669 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House