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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.