

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Marguerite and Robert Hoffman, eminent supporters
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, When the campaign was launched in 2000, the
10 Hoffmans, who were then co-chairs of the fund-raising drive, issued
11 a dramatic incentive: at the successful conclusion of phase one,
12 they would bequeath their entire collection to the museum, along
13 with an endowment for the care of the collection and a substantial
14 gift to the campaign itself; their example inspired similar pledges
15 from Cindy and Howard Rachofsky and Deedie and Rusty Rose; and

16 WHEREAS, All three couples have built major, complementary
17 collections of contemporary art; in promising their collections,
18 including all future acquisitions, to the DMA, they are
19 transforming the museum into a leading center for the study and
20 enjoyment of art created over the past five decades; at the same
21 time, by ensuring the superior quality of the museum's contemporary
22 holdings, they are freeing the DMA to devote greater resources to
23 other areas of need; and

24 WHEREAS, Marguerite Hoffman, currently chair of the DMA Board

1 of Trustees, and Robert Hoffman, co-chair of the capital campaign,
2 have been collecting art for 30 years; initially drawn to newer work
3 by young artists, they have shifted their focus to American and
4 European postwar masterpieces; their collection includes multiple
5 works by Joseph Cornell, Jasper Johns, Cy Twombly, and Joseph
6 Beuys, along with major paintings by Willem de Kooning, Philip
7 Guston, and Gerhard Richter; and

8 WHEREAS, Established in 1903, the Dallas Museum of Art boasts
9 an encyclopedic collection of more than 23,000 works spanning 5,000
10 years of history and representing all media; the extraordinary
11 generosity of Marguerite and Robert Hoffman and their fellow donors
12 exemplifies a remarkable degree of civic pride and advances
13 dramatically the mission of that outstanding institution; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor Marguerite and Robert Hoffman for their
17 exceptional philanthropy in behalf of the Dallas Museum of Art and
18 extend to them profound appreciation for cultural leadership that
19 will forever enrich the citizens of this state; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman as an expression of high regard by
22 the Texas House of Representatives.

McCall

H.R. No. 670

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 670 was adopted by the House on March 17, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House