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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Students participating in the McDermott Scholars
2 Program are visiting the State Capitol, and this occasion provides
3 a fitting opportunity to recognize this outstanding program; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its establishment in the fall of 2000, the
5 McDermott Scholars Program has sought to build a brighter future
6 for Texans by attracting top students from throughout the state and
7 across the nation to pursue their higher education at The
8 University of Texas at Dallas; and

9 WHEREAS, The program, initiated by Margaret McDermott and
10 named for her husband and the cofounder of Texas Instruments Eugene
11 McDermott, selects participants who have demonstrated a commitment
12 to academic excellence, community service, and leadership both on
13 and off campus; and

14 WHEREAS, Through private endowment funds, these young men and
15 women are presented with the opportunity to share in leadership
16 training, fine arts education, and invaluable travel experiences,
17 including regular visits to the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the
18 Dallas Opera, local museums, art galleries, plays, and concerts; in
19 addition, first-year scholars are invited on trips to Austin and
20 Washington, D.C., to meet with elected officials and experience the
21 cultural diversity of our state's and nation's capitals; and

22 WHEREAS, McDermott Scholars represent our next generation of
23 business leaders, scientists, physicians, professors, attorneys,
24 and public servants, and they may indeed look to the future with

1 anticipation and optimism as they await the opportunities that lie
2 ahead; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby commend Dr. David Daniel, president of
5 UT-Dallas, Dr. Charles W. Leonard, director of the Eugene McDermott
6 Scholars Program, Dr. Greg Thielemann, professor and director of
7 the Center for the Study of Texas Politics, and all those associated
8 with the McDermott Scholars Program for their commitment to
9 education and community service and extend to them sincere best
10 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the house of representatives welcome the
12 McDermott Scholars Program delegation visiting on this day and that
13 an official copy of this resolution be prepared for the program as
14 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.