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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 on March 31, 2009, and this
3 occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this
4 outstanding program; and

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, McDermott Scholars represent our next generation of
24 business leaders, scientists, physicians, professors, attorneys,

1 and public servants, and they may indeed look to the future with
2 anticipation and optimism as they await the opportunities that lie
3 ahead; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby commend Dr. David Daniel, president of
6 UT-Dallas, Molly Seeligson, director of the Eugene McDermott
7 Scholars Program, Dr. Greg Thielemann, professor and director of
8 the Center for the Study of Texas Politics, and all those associated
9 with the McDermott Scholars Program for their commitment to
10 education and community service and extend to them sincere best
11 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

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