

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 537

WHEREAS, Students participating in the McDermott Scholars Program are visiting the State Capitol on March 31, 2009, and this occasion provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this outstanding program; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, McDermott Scholars represent our next generation of business leaders, scientists, physicians, professors, attorneys, and public servants, and they may indeed look to

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby commend Dr. David Daniel, president of The University of Texas at Dallas, Molly Seeligson, director of the Eugene McDermott Scholars Program, Dr. Greg Thielemann, professor and director of the Center for the Study of Texas Politics, and all those associated with the McDermott Scholars Program for their commitment to education and community service and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Senate welcome the McDermott Scholars Program delegation visiting on this day and that an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for the program as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Carona, Shapiro

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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