

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A delegation from the McDermott Scholars Program is  
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 31, 2011, and this occasion  
3 provides a fitting opportunity to recognize this outstanding  
4 program and its participants; 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 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby welcome the McDermott Scholars Program  
6 delegation to the State Capitol and commend Dr. David Daniel,  
7 president of UT-Dallas, Molly Seeligson, director of the Eugene  
8 McDermott Scholars Program, Dr. Greg Thielemann, professor and  
9 director of the Center for the Study of Texas Politics, and all  
10 those associated with the program for their commitment to education  
11 and community service; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the program as an expression of high regard by the  
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 531

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 531 was adopted by the House on March 3, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House