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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.