

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Margaret McDermott of Dallas has been named the 2015  
2 Texas Medal of Arts honoree for Individual Arts Patron by the Texas  
3 Cultural Trust; and

4           WHEREAS, The Texas Medal of Arts program pays tribute to  
5 residents of the Lone Star State who have significantly benefited a  
6 variety of artistic disciplines in the state, either through  
7 personal achievement or through benevolent support; and

8           WHEREAS, Mrs. McDermott has been a philanthropist and a  
9 pillar of her community for more than six decades; she and her  
10 husband, Texas Instruments cofounder Eugene McDermott, established  
11 the Eugene McDermott Foundation in 1955, and through the years, the  
12 initiative has provided millions of dollars in behalf of worthwhile  
13 civic, cultural, and educational endeavors and has assisted such  
14 notable institutions as The University of Texas at Dallas, the UT  
15 Health Science Center, the University of Dallas, the Dallas Public  
16 Library System, the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, the Dallas Museum of  
17 Art, and the Dallas County Community College District; and

18           WHEREAS, A champion of accessible, high-quality education,  
19 Mrs. McDermott has been an invaluable advocate of the DCCCD since  
20 its inception in 1965, serving the system as the inaugural vice  
21 chair of the board of trustees and playing an instrumental part in  
22 the planning of the district's seven colleges; moreover, she  
23 generously donated funds for the installation of the Founders'  
24 Foyer at the DCCCD headquarters and for the construction of William

1 P. Clements Jr. University Hospital at the UT Southwestern Medical  
2 Center; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. McDermott's tireless efforts have been  
4 recognized with a number of prestigious accolades, including the  
5 Carolyn Helman Lichtenberg Crest Award from the Pi Beta Phi  
6 Fraternity for Women and the Santa Rita Award, the highest honor  
7 bestowed by the UT Board of Regents; in addition, she has been named  
8 an honorary member of the American Institute of Architects, and the  
9 City of Dallas honored her with the dedication of the Margaret  
10 McDermott Bridge, for which she retained world-renowned Spanish  
11 architect Santiago Calatrava to design a beautiful addition to the  
12 city's landscape; and

13 WHEREAS, Margaret McDermott has long played a pivotal role in  
14 the arts community and in arts education in Texas, and her  
15 immeasurable contributions and selfless dedication have increased  
16 opportunities for others and enriched countless lives; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby congratulate Margaret McDermott on her  
20 selection as the 2015 Texas Medal of Arts honoree for Individual  
21 Arts Patron by the Texas Cultural Trust and extend to her sincere  
22 appreciation for her unwavering commitment to the arts; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for Mrs. McDermott as an expression of high regard by the  
26 Texas House of Representatives.

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
González	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 594 was adopted by the House on February 25, 2015, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House