

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Meadows Museum at Southern Methodist University
2 in Dallas is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its founding in
3 2015; and

4 WHEREAS, Inspired by visits to the famed Prado Museum in
5 Madrid during the 1950s, the Texas philanthropist and oil financier
6 Algur H. Meadows began to collect Spanish art, and in 1962, he
7 donated funds to endow a museum to house his collection on the SMU
8 campus as part of a new arts center; and

9 WHEREAS, The Meadows Museum opened its doors in 1965, and it
10 quickly won renown for having one of the largest and most
11 comprehensive collections of Spanish art outside of Spain; spanning
12 1,000 years, from the 10th century to the 21st, the collection
13 contains masterpieces by El Greco, Velazquez, Goya, Miro, and
14 Picasso, as well as Renaissance altar pieces and a selection of
15 twentieth-century sculptures by Auguste Rodin, Henry Moore, Claes
16 Oldenburg, and others; the plaza outside the museum is graced with
17 Santiago Calatrava's giant moving sculpture, *Wave*; the museum
18 offers visitors guided tours of its collection, as well as public
19 lectures, gallery talks, and symposia by leading scholars and
20 artists; and

21 WHEREAS, Through the years, the Meadows Foundation has
22 continued to provide generous support to the museum, contributing
23 \$18.5 million for a new building that opened in 2001, as well as
24 funds for acquisitions, exhibitions, curatorial staff, and other

1 purposes; in March 2015, the foundation contributed \$25 million to
2 the museum and \$20 million to the Meadows School of the Arts, the
3 largest single gift in SMU's history; and

4 WHEREAS, This festive anniversary year is being marked at the
5 museum with a series of special exhibitions and events, including a
6 retrospective display of archival material, artworks, and
7 photographs documenting the museum's history, *The Meadows*
8 *Collects: 50 Years of Spanish Art in Texas*; and

9 WHEREAS, With the founding of the Meadows Museum, Algur
10 Meadows fulfilled his dream of creating a "small Prado for Texas,"
11 and in the half-century since, the museum has offered countless
12 Texans as well as visitors from around the world the opportunity to
13 view and enjoy some of the great masterworks of Spanish art; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Meadows
17 Museum in Dallas and extend to its staff and volunteers sincere best
18 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the museum as an expression of high regard by the Texas
21 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 2452

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2452 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House