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DISABLED TEXANS TAKE HISTORY TO SWEDISH QUEEN

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Bearing the seal and signature of Queen Christina, one of the most renowned Swedish monarchs, the three century old document was donated for this occasion by a Texan who is himself disabled. The anonymous donor intends for the gift to symbolize the common struggle for independence by disabled people around the world.

Like the United States, the Swedish people and their government have made great progress to insure equality and provide independent living opportunities for disabled people. Following the presentation, Queen Silvia and representatives of organizations of disabled people in Sweden will meet with the disabled Texans to discuss issues of common concern and plans for future cooperative efforts to resolve problems facing disabled people internationally.

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Representing the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities and making the presentation to the Queen will be three disabled Houstonians: Lex Frieden is director of the Independent Living Research Utilization Project at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research. Mr. Frieden is a quadriplegic as a result of a spinal cord injury. Joyce Frieden is president of the Coalition for Barrier Free Living. Ms. Frieden is paraplegic as a result of a neurological illness. Mac Brodie is a Vietnam veteran who was head injured while on duty in southeast Asia.

The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities is a statewide disabled rights and advocacy organization representing people with many different types of disabilities through Texas.

Air transportation for this event will be provided by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, and hotel accommodations will be courtesy of the Sheraton Stockholm Hotel. KLM and Sheraton are being used for this occasion due to their particular accommodations for disabled travelers.

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