

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An "exemplary" rating, the highest classification  
2 conferred on schools by the Texas Education Agency, has been  
3 awarded to Ramirez Elementary School for the 2002-2003 school year;  
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5           WHEREAS, The Ramirez Common School District (CSD) is one of  
6 the smallest school districts in the State of Texas, and its five  
7 staff members have excelled in providing outstanding and highly  
8 personalized instruction to the 34 students enrolled in the  
9 district's only school, Ramirez Elementary; and

10           WHEREAS, Founded in 1951 to educate children whose families'  
11 ranches were located in isolated parts of Duval County, Ramirez CSD  
12 is today governed by the county in partnership with the district's  
13 hardworking superintendent, Jose Leal; for the past two years  
14 Ramirez CSD has been awarded "exemplary" status by the Texas  
15 Education Agency, and this remarkable accomplishment is a testament  
16 to the high priority that the entire Duval County community has  
17 placed on academic excellence; and

18           WHEREAS, Ramirez CSD, which currently educates children  
19 enrolled in prekindergarten through grade six, can claim an  
20 impressive parent participation rate of more than 80 percent; with  
21 top-notch programs in distance learning, ESL/bilingual education,  
22 and technology training, the district has also won widespread  
23 recognition for Migrant Project SMART, a summer school program for  
24 children of migrant workers, and for the special attention it gives

1 to every child, including those traditionally classified as at-risk  
2 or gifted and talented; and

3 WHEREAS, The residents of South Texas continue to reap the  
4 benefits of the fine education offered by the Ramirez CSD, and it is  
5 truly a privilege to pay tribute to this unique district and to  
6 those students, parents, educators, and administrators who have  
7 made possible its continued existence for more than 50 years; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend all those  
11 associated with the Ramirez Common School District for their  
12 dedication to the provision of an outstanding education; and, be it  
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for the Ramirez CSD as an expression of high regard by the  
16 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 33

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 33 was adopted by the House on  
September 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House