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H.R. No. 33

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;
4 and

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.