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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, December 2003 marked the end of a remarkable career  
2 in education spanning 37 years for Del Rio Freshman School teacher  
3 Simón René Ramón; and

4           WHEREAS, A Del Rio native, Mr. Ramón began teaching Spanish  
5 at San Felipe High School in 1967, immediately after his graduation  
6 from Sul Ross State University; following the school districts'  
7 consolidation in 1971, he transferred to the new Del Rio Freshman  
8 School; in 1974, he earned a master of arts degree with a major in  
9 Spanish and a minor in history from Southwest Texas State  
10 University; and

11           WHEREAS, A teacher of Spanish and American history, Mr. Ramón  
12 was selected as a recipient of the San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated  
13 Independent School District's "Teacher of the Year" award in 1978;  
14 he has sponsored participation in foreign language festivals held  
15 at Angelo State University for almost 10 years, and he has also  
16 served as a University Interscholastic League academic sponsor in  
17 the spelling event for 20 years; and

18           WHEREAS, The Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA) faculty  
19 representative at the Del Rio Freshman School since 1972, Mr. Ramón  
20 has further distinguished himself as local president and vice  
21 president of that organization and has represented the Del Rio  
22 chapter at the district and state conventions; he was appointed to  
23 serve on the TSTA State Board of Directors from 1984 to 1988 and has  
24 served as a national delegate to numerous annual conventions of the

1 National Education Association; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to his teaching and his extracurricular  
3 activities in local, state, and national education organizations,  
4 Mr. Ramón has also found time to participate in a number of  
5 community activities, including serving on the Val Verde County  
6 Library Board, coaching rookie and Little League baseball teams,  
7 and teaching catechism at both Guadalupe Catholic Church and St.  
8 Joseph Catholic Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Mr. Ramón enjoyed the love  
10 and support of his wife of 29 years, Generosa "Janie" Gracia Ramón,  
11 and his two sons, Ruben Rene and Daniel Omar; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ramón is widely remembered for his abundant and  
13 contagious enthusiasm in the classroom, his strict discipline, and  
14 his steadfast dedication to his students, who will not soon forget  
15 room number "J-103"; his years of service impacted generations of  
16 Texas students, and the Del Rio Freshman School is not the same  
17 without him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
19 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby recognize Simón René Ramón  
20 for his 37 years of teaching and extend to him sincere best wishes  
21 for a happy and fulfilling retirement; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for Mr. Ramón as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
24 House of Representatives.