

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Renato Ramirez of Zapata has contributed greatly to  
2 his community, state, and nation through his professional and  
3 personal efforts, and he is indeed deserving of special  
4 recognition; and

5           WHEREAS, President of IBC Bank Zapata, Mr. Ramirez came to  
6 Zapata at the bank's founding in 1983, and he remains a staunch  
7 supporter of commercial growth in the border area; before joining  
8 the staff of the institution, which today is part of a rapidly  
9 growing Texas-owned network of banks, he was a manager of foreign  
10 loans to Mexico under the export/import program in Laredo; and

11           WHEREAS, This impressive banker also taught for more than 10  
12 years at Laredo State University and Louisiana State University,  
13 where he also held the post of associate dean of LSU's Escuela  
14 Bancaria Superior de Centro-America; further, he served as a  
15 consultant to the Tennessee Valley Authority on the impact of  
16 banking practices on regional economic development; and

17           WHEREAS, Bilingual and bicultural, Mr. Ramirez is also one of  
18 those rare Texans who knows how to "gig 'em" as well as "hook 'em,"  
19 having earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University and a  
20 master of business administration degree from The University of  
21 Texas; he has also completed graduate studies toward a doctorate in  
22 finance and economics at the University of Tennessee; and

23           WHEREAS, This generous individual devotes considerable time  
24 to civic endeavors benefiting his fellow citizens; chair of the

1 Zapata County Appraisal District, he has chaired the Improve Falcon  
2 Lake Committee and the board of the Zapata County Water, Sewer and  
3 Waste Disposal Committee and is an advocate for the issues of water  
4 management and quality; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez is a past vice chair of the South Texas  
6 Private Industry Council and has served as president of the Zapata  
7 County Independent School District board, the Zapata Boys and Girls  
8 Club, and the Zapata Golf Club Association; he also is on the boards  
9 of the Laredo United Way and the Texas Agricultural Finance  
10 Authority; and

11 WHEREAS, Renato Ramirez is truly benefiting countless  
12 individuals through his professional and volunteer efforts, and his  
13 outstanding service in South Texas is an inspiration to us all; now,  
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
16 Legislature hereby honor Renato Ramirez for his myriad  
17 contributions to the quality of life in the Lone Star State, and  
18 extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 961

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 961 was adopted by the House on May 16, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House