

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Ramos Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service  
2 was established in the 1940s by Ignacio Ramos, Sr., as one of the  
3 few Hispanic-owned businesses in Kingsville, and it continues to  
4 flourish today; and

5           WHEREAS, In the 1920s, working with the Texas Rangers, Mr.  
6 Ramos assisted in the pursuit of "Tequileros," who illegally  
7 transported whiskey from Mexico into Texas during Prohibition; he  
8 participated in several horse and cattle roundups that served as a  
9 sting operation intended to interdict the ubiquitous and illicit  
10 traffic; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Ramos worked as a butcher in the Hebbronville  
12 area throughout the 1930s and then, in the 1940s, embarked on a new  
13 career path by taking correspondence courses in radio and  
14 refrigeration repair to help meet the growing service needs of  
15 South Texas; while maintaining his full-time job as a machinist for  
16 the Missouri Pacific Railroad, he ventured into the refrigeration  
17 and air conditioning business by selling refrigerators on a  
18 part-time basis door-to-door in Kingsville; and

19           WHEREAS, After retiring as a refrigeration machinist with the  
20 Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, Mr. Ramos expanded Ramos  
21 Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service, opening a store on King  
22 Street in Kingsville in the 1960s; and

23           WHEREAS, The perseverance, integrity, and commitment to the  
24 people of South Texas that Ignacio Ramos demonstrated during his

1 lifetime are today reflected by the third generation of his family  
2 as they operate the successful business that he started; and

3 WHEREAS, Ramos Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service  
4 remains dedicated to the family tradition of professional service,  
5 quality merchandise, and fair business practices; the company has  
6 expanded its service area to include nearly every county in South  
7 Texas, while generously supporting the work of local schools,  
8 churches, and charitable organizations; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby honor Ramos Refrigeration and Air Conditioning  
11 Service--an outstanding Hispanic, family owned and operated  
12 business--for its exceptional commitment to the people of  
13 Kingsville and South Texas, and extend to all those associated with  
14 this enterprise sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for the Ramos family as an expression of high regard by the  
18 Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1930

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1930 was adopted by the House on June 2, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House