

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 255

**WHEREAS**, For three decades, the Honorable Mario E. Ramirez, Jr., of Hidalgo County has brought unparalleled integrity, fairness, and courage to his work as an attorney, jurist, and community leader; and

**WHEREAS**, A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's University, this Roma native served during his early years of practice as a law clerk for Bexar County Legal Aid, assistant municipal court judge for the City of McAllen, and judge for the County Court at Law No. 2 of Hidalgo County; he continued his notable record of public service to the Lone Star State in 1981, when he was appointed by Governor Bill Clements to the bench of the 93rd District Court; and

**WHEREAS**, Two years later, Governor Mark White appointed him to the office that he has held for the past 20 years, that of judge for the 332nd District Court, and he has earned widespread admiration and respect for his fairness and high standards of judicial conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Ramirez, the senior jurist in Hidalgo County, has dedicated much of his time out of court to assisting at-risk youths and Texans who suffer from mental illness; in addition, he has served as overseer of the Hidalgo County Juvenile Probation Department, and he is a well-known expert in the field of juvenile justice, a past director of the Texas Mental Health Association, a past member of the Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments, and a former director of the Texas Association for the

Gifted and Talented; this former president of the Hidalgo County Bar Association is also active in many professional organizations, including the College of the State Bar of Texas and the Board of Directors for the State Bar of Texas, Judicial Section; and

**WHEREAS**, In light of these many impressive accomplishments, it is indeed appropriate that special tribute be paid to this truly outstanding Texan; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby commend District Judge Mario E. Ramirez, Jr., for his exceptional record of professional achievement and personal service; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Judge Ramirez as an expression of the high regard of the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on February 27, 2003.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate