

By: Guillen

H.C.R. No. 29

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Renato Ramirez of Zapata has presented Texas A&M
2 International University (TAMIU) with a \$1 million gift for
3 scholarships, and his extraordinary generosity will positively
4 impact generations of Texans; and

5 WHEREAS, The donation establishes a fund to support the
6 Renato and Patricia Ramirez Scholars, named in honor of the 1961
7 Aggie alumnus and his wife of 40 years; Zapata High School graduates
8 will be given preference for the scholarships when need, merit, and
9 academic standing are equal; and

10 WHEREAS, President of the International Bank of
11 Commerce-Zapata since 1983, Mr. Ramirez began his career in the
12 banking industry five years earlier as a senior vice president at
13 Laredo National Bank; he is also the owner and manager of R&P
14 Ramirez, Ltd., a ranching and farming operation;

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez received his bachelor's degree in
16 mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University and went on to
17 earn a master's degree in business administration from The
18 University of Texas at Austin and complete coursework for a
19 doctorate in finance and economics at the University of Tennessee;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, After graduating from Texas A&M, the Zapata native
22 joined the United States Army Artillery, where he attained the rank
23 of first lieutenant and served as a missile guidance systems
24 instructor and company commander for Cuban refugees; and

1 WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman has held the posts of
2 instructor or professor of finance at the University of Tennessee,
3 Louisiana State University, the Escuela Bancaria Superior de
4 Centro-America, and the former Laredo State University, and for a
5 number of years he has served as an adjunct faculty member at TAMIU,
6 teaching banking and finance; and

7 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community and state, Mr.
8 Ramirez has provided leadership to the Zapata County Appraisal
9 District, South Texas Private Industry Council, Zapata County
10 Independent School District Board of Trustees, Boys & Girls Club of
11 Zapata County, Zapata County Fair Association, and Los Ebanos Golf
12 Club; and

13 WHEREAS, His other philanthropic efforts have greatly
14 benefited such worthy causes as a children's orphanage in
15 Tamaulipas, Mexico, the National Hispanic Institute, Zapata High
16 School student scholarships, the Capitol Tejano Monument effort,
17 and Zapata County's Municipal Airport; and

18 WHEREAS, Renato Ramirez exemplifies the noblest qualities of
19 the human spirit, and it is a privilege to honor him for his
20 steadfast commitment to education and to his fellow Texans; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
23 5th Called Session, hereby commend Renato Ramirez for his
24 beneficence in behalf of Texas A&M International University and
25 extend to him heartfelt best wishes for continued success and
26 happiness; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for Mr. Ramirez as an expression of high regard by the
2 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.