

By: Guillen

H.C.R. No. 31

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.