

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; and

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, where he attained the rank of first
23 lieutenant and served as a missile guidance systems instructor; and

24 WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman has held the posts of

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

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

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

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

21 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
22 hereby commend Renato Ramirez for his beneficence in behalf of
23 Texas A&M International University and extend to him heartfelt best
24 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Mr. Ramirez as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Guillen
Raymond

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the House on February 16, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor