

By: Guillen

H.C.R. No. 42

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

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