

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, After nearly 40 years of exemplary service, native  
2 Texan Juan Ramos retired from the National Institute of Mental  
3 Health in 2004, and it is indeed fitting to honor this remarkable  
4 man for his many outstanding achievements; and

5           WHEREAS, This native of Del Rio earned his bachelor's degree  
6 at Sul Ross State University in Alpine before going on to earn a  
7 master's degree in social work at the University of Southern  
8 California and a Ph.D. from the Florence Heller School for Advanced  
9 Studies in Social Welfare at Brandeis University; and

10           WHEREAS, Since 1968, Dr. Ramos has been employed by the  
11 National Institute of Mental Health in positions of increasing  
12 responsibility; the longtime director of the Division of Prevention  
13 and Special Mental Health Programs, he retired as senior advisor to  
14 the director of the agency, having actively worked to support the  
15 agency's important mission to reduce the burden of mental illness  
16 and behavioral disorders through research on mind, brain, and  
17 behavior over the course of his tenure; and

18           WHEREAS, Dr. Ramos has shared his expertise in the mental  
19 health field with students as an adjunct professor at the  
20 University of Maryland, Virginia Commonwealth University,  
21 Washington University, and the University of California at Los  
22 Angeles; he has also been instrumental in the founding of the  
23 Mexican American Community Services Agency in San Jose and the  
24 Coalition of Spanish Speaking Mental Health Organizations and the

1 National Minority AIDS Council, both in Washington, D.C.; and

2 WHEREAS, A valued member of numerous professional  
3 organizations, including the National Association of Social  
4 Workers, the World Federation for Mental Health, and the American  
5 Society for Hispanic Psychiatry, he has published research  
6 pertaining to mental health and the Hispanic community and served  
7 on the editorial boards of *Social Work in Mental Health Care*, *Social*  
8 *Work in Health Care*, and the *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral*  
9 *Science*; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman has received a host of  
11 honors, including a Public Service Award from the Society for  
12 Prevention Research for the Advancement of Prevention Science  
13 Worldwide, recognition by the Latina Social Work Caucus of the USC  
14 School of Social Work for 40 years of outstanding service to the  
15 students of that department, and the National Institutes of Health  
16 Director's Award for extraordinary leadership in developing health  
17 objectives for the nation; and

18 WHEREAS, For four decades, Juan Ramos has worked to ensure a  
19 healthier future for his fellow Americans, and as he enjoys his  
20 well-deserved retirement, he may indeed look back with pride on his  
21 exemplary professional achievements; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby congratulate Juan Ramos on his exceptional  
24 tenure with the National Institute of Mental Health and extend to  
25 him sincere best wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement; and,  
26 be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

H.R. No. 1153

1 prepared for Dr. Ramos as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
2 House of Representatives.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1153 was adopted by the House on May 9, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House