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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

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