

By: Gonzales

H.R. No. 1468

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, Dr. Mario E. Ramirez
2 has provided able service to the residents of Roma and South Texas
3 as a physician, administrator, and mentor; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Roma, Dr. Ramirez was inspired to
5 practice medicine at a young age; he was influenced by his uncle, a
6 pharmacist who often provided health care because the city lacked
7 physicians, and he was further motivated to pursue a career as a
8 doctor after losing his younger brother, who died at the age of
9 seven; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Ramirez completed pre-med requirements at The
11 University of Texas by the age of 18 and earned his medical degree
12 from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine by the age of
13 22; fulfilling his lifelong ambition to return to Roma and serve the
14 citizens of his hometown, he opened the first family practice in
15 Starr County in 1950, eight years before establishing the first
16 hospital in Roma; and

17 WHEREAS, Leaving his practice in 1993, Dr. Ramirez worked for
18 Blue Cross/Blue Shield before accepting new challenges as the vice
19 president of South Texas initiatives at The University of Texas
20 Health Science Center, a position from which he has recently
21 retired; in this role, he worked to help and inspire young people to
22 enter the medical profession in order to serve the citizens of the
23 Rio Grande Valley; he also founded the program, Med/Ed, which has
24 seen more than 1,000 students complete its curriculum, 86 of whom

1 have already been accepted to medical school; and

2 WHEREAS, Highly respected by all who know him, Dr. Ramirez is
3 an inspiration of professional excellence, and his trailblazing
4 efforts have made an undeniable and positive impact on the
5 community that is proud, and fortunate, to claim him as a native
6 son; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
8 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Mario E. Ramirez on his years of
9 service to the people of Roma, Starr County, and South Texas and
10 extend to him best wishes for the future; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Dr. Ramirez as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.