

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 413

In Memory  
of  
María Rosa Ramírez

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Laredo in mourning the loss of Señorita María Rosa Ramírez, who died January 27, 2009, at the age of 98; and

**WHEREAS,** A longtime and beloved teacher of many generations of Laredoans, Señorita Ramírez was born and reared in Laredo; her passion for learning was cultivated by her parents from the time she was very young, and she was reading newspaper articles aloud to them by the age of four; and

**WHEREAS,** Señorita Ramírez earned her bachelor's degree in 1931 and embarked on a career in teaching that would span 51 years; she began teaching elementary school, according to the custom of the time, and by the 1950s she had a master's degree and had established herself as a teacher of Spanish, her area of expertise; and

**WHEREAS,** Known for wanting her students to attain complete mastery of the spoken language, she perfected the audio lingual method, which she went on to demonstrate across the state at the behest of the Texas Education Agency; she was named by President Gerald Ford as one of the Outstanding Teachers in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Señorita Ramírez was a woman of great dignity who instilled in her students the desire to succeed and a lifelong love of learning; her family and friends will continue to live with the memories of her life and her many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Señorita María Rosa Ramírez; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Señorita María Rosa Ramírez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the  
above Resolution was adopted by  
the Senate on March 10, 2009, by a  
rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate