

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1047

WHEREAS, When they married, Mary L. Ramirez and Jose D. Ramirez made a lifetime commitment to each other, and their mutual trust has been amply rewarded, for they are now celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Mary and Jose Ramirez met in 1953 during their college years, and they married on May 31, 1959; they have one son, Eddie Ramirez, and have been blessed with a long and happy life together; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ramirez served in the field of education for 42 years and retired in 1997; she had a highly successful career that included teaching grades one through 12, supervising the bilingual education program in the Edinburg Consolidated Independent School District, and serving as a professional counselor at the high school level; she was selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among America's Teachers in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Jose Ramirez also had a successful career in the field of education, which included serving as an elementary school principal and as a school counselor and teaching general science, social studies, language arts, and remedial mathematics; he evaluated education systems and revised curriculum for courses in science; and

WHEREAS, Mary and Jose are both members of the United States of America Council of Serra International Club, which provides assistance to seminarians, and of the Order of Alhambra, which assists young people who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, The world has changed considerably during the years of their marriage, yet Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez have cherished traditional family and moral values and have been leaders in the field of education and in their community; and

WHEREAS, The long and happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez is truly an inspiration to us all; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Ramirez on their 50th wedding anniversary; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for this distinguished couple as a memento of this special occasion.

Hinojosa

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 27, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate