SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 1063

In Memory of Celestino Ramirez

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Mission in mourning the loss of Celestino Ramirez, who died May 18, 2009, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, A longtime educator and public servant, Celestino Ramirez was widely respected and admired in the Mission community for his courage, his tenacity, and his many accomplishments as a member of the Mission City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez was a 1965 graduate of Mission High School and served the nation as a member of the United States Army in Vietnam; he went on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from Pan American University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez enjoyed a long and productive career with the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo Independent School District as a teacher, counselor, and principal; and

WHEREAS, First elected to the Mission City Council in 1993, Mr. Ramirez played an important role in the passage of the Anzalduas Bridge project and the new Mission Chamber of Commerce building; during his six terms on the council, he helped pass a tax freeze for the elderly and disabled and voted to fund many projects to improve city infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez was devoted to his family, and he will long be remembered for his generous spirit and his many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Celestino Ramirez; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his 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 Celestino Ramirez.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 29, 2009, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate