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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Tommy Ramirez Jr. is retiring as chief juvenile
2 probation officer of the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department
3 on January 31, 2017; and

4 WHEREAS, After graduating from Bryan High School, Tommy
5 Ramirez earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University in
6 1977 before going on to work in leadership roles at the Boys & Girls
7 Clubs of Brazos Valley and San Antonio, as well as at a
8 manufacturing company; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1986, Mr. Ramirez began his career in juvenile
10 justice as a probation officer for Brazos County, and in July 2003,
11 he was named chief juvenile probation officer of the Cameron County
12 Juvenile Justice Department, where he has spent more than 13 years;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, During his time with the department, Chief Ramirez
15 has been instrumental in the creation of Harlingen Outreach Center,
16 and in the development and implementation of vocational training
17 programs for indigent families and of youth and collaborative
18 initiatives between juvenile probation officers and local schools
19 and law enforcement agencies; and

20 WHEREAS, Chief Ramirez has further contributed to his
21 professional community by serving on the Texas Juvenile Justice
22 Department Advisory Council and as president of the South Texas
23 Chiefs Association, as well as through his involvement with the
24 Juvenile Justice Association of Texas, the Texas Juvenile Detention

1 Association, and the Texas Probation Association, which awarded him
2 its most prestigious honor, the Amador R. Rodriguez Lifetime
3 Achievement Award; moreover, he has sat on boards for the United Way
4 of Northern Cameron County and the Boys & Girls Club of San Benito;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, this esteemed Texan has
7 enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Olga, and their three
8 children, Tiffany, Tommy, and Kevin; and

9 WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Tommy Ramirez has dedicated
10 his life to the well-being of the state's youth through his work
11 with the juvenile justice system, and he may indeed reflect with
12 great pride on a career well spent as he embarks upon the next
13 exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
15 Legislature hereby congratulate Tommy Ramirez Jr. on his retirement
16 from the Cameron County Juvenile Justice Department and extend to
17 him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Mr. Ramirez as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.