H.R. No. 1185

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Enrique and Margarita Ramos of Eagle Pass have earned the admiration of many through their long record of dedication to the Chicano movement and workers' rights; and

WHEREAS, Now in their 80s, Mr. and Mrs. Ramos met while working in Texas strawberry fields and married in 1967; they later picked strawberries at Drisco Ranch in Salinas, California, where they took part in protests for better hours and wages; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramos became a group leader and organizer for the United Farm Workers Union; while gaining expertise in labor contract negotiations, he developed fortitude in standing up to threats from managers and bosses; and

WHEREAS, Devoted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ramos raised their children while laboring for long hours and successfully fighting for better working conditions, clean water, and a safer community for all families; they had been active with the UFW for about three years when Cesar Chavez began to gain prominence in the organization, and they joined forces with him; Mr. Ramos supported his efforts to open a health clinic for the field workers, and he enjoyed a productive relationship with the civil rights icon, even when they differed on strategies to reach their mutual goals; and

WHEREAS, Thrifty and hard-working, Mr. and Mrs. Ramos were eventually able to buy two acres of land in Eagle Pass; respected members of the community, they have given generously of their time and talents to improve quality of life, especially in the colonias; among other endeavors, Mr. Ramos has served as project coordinator for the Greater Maverick County Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Enrique and Margarita Ramos have made a positive difference in countless lives through their engagement in the struggle for social justice, and their deep commitment to the cause and to each other is a source of inspiration to all who are privileged to know them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby honor Enrique and Margarita Ramos for their activism and extend to them sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Ramos as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

Morales of Maverick

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1185 was adopted by the House on May 23, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House