

By: Morales of Maverick

H.R. No. 1185

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Thrifty and hard-working, Mr. and Mrs. Ramos were
22 eventually able to buy two acres of land in Eagle Pass; respected
23 members of the community, they have given generously of their time
24 and talents to improve quality of life, especially in the colonias;

1 among other endeavors, Mr. Ramos has served as project coordinator
2 for the Greater Maverick County Corporation; and

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

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

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