

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 245

WHEREAS, U.S. Army Brigadier General (Ret.) Joe E. Ramirez Jr. retired as vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University on January 1, 2025, drawing to a close an exceptional tenure with the institution; and

WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Joe Ramirez earned a physical education degree in 1979 from Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band and the Corps of Cadets; he later obtained a master's degree in management from Webster University and a master's degree in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez distinguished himself during a military career of 31 years; he held leadership positions worldwide in joint and operational commands, and he served as deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Central Command during Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom; moreover, he was the deputy division commander for the 2nd Infantry Division in the Republic of Korea and a deputy director for the United States European Command in Germany; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, General Ramirez returned to Texas A&M as the 45th commandant of the Corps of Cadets; he dedicated himself to mentoring the next generation of leaders, instilling in cadets the values of discipline, honor, and service, and under his direction, the Corps experienced its most significant growth since the early 1970s; in 2021, he was appointed vice president for student affairs, and in that role, he continued to positively impact the lives of students and his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Civically engaged, General Ramirez belongs to the boards of such organizations as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the

Brazos Valley, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas, and the Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce; retirement will afford him the opportunity to spend more time with his wife, Theresa, and their five children, four stepchildren, and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Joe Ramirez's dedication, experience, and commitment to excellence have greatly benefited Texas A&M University and the military community, and he may indeed take pride in his outstanding record of service as he embarks on the next exciting chapter of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby congratulate U.S. Army Brigadier General (Ret.) Joe E. Ramirez Jr. on his retirement as vice president for student affairs at Texas A&M University and extend to him sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for General Ramirez as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Alvarado

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 13, 2025.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate