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RESOLUTION

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, In 2010, General Ramirez returned to Texas A&M as
19 the 45th commandant of the Corps of Cadets; he dedicated himself to
20 mentoring the next generation of leaders, instilling in cadets the
21 values of discipline, honor, and service, and under his direction,
22 the Corps experienced its most significant growth since the early
23 1970s; in 2021, he was appointed vice president for student
24 affairs, and in that role, he continued to positively impact the

1 lives of students and his colleagues; and

2 WHEREAS, Civically engaged, General Ramirez belongs to the
3 boards of such organizations as the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos
4 Valley, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Texas, and the
5 Bryan/College Station Chamber of Commerce; retirement will afford
6 him the opportunity to spend more time with his wife, Theresa, and
7 their five children, four stepchildren, and eight grandchildren;
8 and

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

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

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for General Ramirez as an expression of high regard by the
21 Texas Senate.