

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Renato Ramirez of Zapata has presented Texas A&M  
2 International University (TAMIU) with a \$1 million gift for  
3 scholarships, and his extraordinary generosity will positively  
4 impact generations of Texans; and

5           WHEREAS, The donation establishes a fund to support the  
6 Renato and Patricia Ramirez Scholars, named in honor of the 1961  
7 Aggie alumnus and his wife of 40 years; Zapata High School graduates  
8 will be given preference for the scholarships when need, merit, and  
9 academic standing are equal; and

10           WHEREAS, President of the International Bank of  
11 Commerce-Zapata since 1983, Mr. Ramirez began his career in the  
12 banking industry five years earlier as a senior vice president at  
13 Laredo National Bank; he is also the owner and manager of R&P  
14 Ramirez, Ltd., a ranching and farming operation; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Ramirez received his bachelor's degree in  
16 mechanical engineering from Texas A&M University and went on to  
17 earn a master's degree in business administration from The  
18 University of Texas at Austin and complete coursework for a  
19 doctorate in finance and economics at the University of Tennessee;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, After graduating from Texas A&M, the Zapata native  
22 joined the United States Army, where he attained the rank of first  
23 lieutenant and served as a missile guidance systems instructor; and

24           WHEREAS, This distinguished gentleman has held the posts of

1 instructor or professor of finance at the University of Tennessee,  
2 Louisiana State University, the Escuela Bancaria Superior de  
3 Centro-America, and the former Laredo State University, and for a  
4 number of years he has served as an adjunct faculty member at TAMIU,  
5 teaching banking and finance; and

6 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his community and state, Mr.  
7 Ramirez has provided leadership to the Zapata County Appraisal  
8 District, South Texas Private Industry Council, Zapata County  
9 Independent School District Board of Trustees, Boys & Girls Club of  
10 Zapata County, Zapata County Fair Association, and Los Ebanos Golf  
11 Club; and

12 WHEREAS, His other philanthropic efforts have greatly  
13 benefited such worthy causes as a children's orphanage in  
14 Tamaulipas, Mexico, the National Hispanic Institute, Zapata High  
15 School student scholarships, the Capitol Tejano Monument effort,  
16 and the municipal airport in Zapata County; and

17 WHEREAS, Renato Ramirez exemplifies the noblest qualities of  
18 the human spirit, and it is a privilege to honor him for his  
19 steadfast commitment to education and to his fellow Texans; now,  
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby commend Renato Ramirez for his beneficence in behalf of  
23 Texas A&M International University and extend to him heartfelt best  
24 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for Mr. Ramirez as an expression of high regard by the  
3 Texas House of Representatives and Senate.

Guillen  
Raymond

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Donna Shew

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the House on February 16, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Robert Harvey  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 42 was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2005, by a viva-voce vote.

Letsy Saw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 11 APR 05

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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Roger Williams  
Secretary of State