

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1

INTRODUCED BY RAMIREZ

IN THE HOUSE

January 7, 1985

Introduced and referred to
Committee on Rules.

January 8, 1985

Committee recommend resolution
be adopted as amended. Report
adopted.

Resolution printed and placed
on members' desks.

On motion rules suspended and
resolution placed on second
reading this day.

Second reading, adopted.

Sent to enrolling.
Reported correctly enrolled.

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