

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An exemplary student received well-deserved  
2 recognition when Sofia Ronquillo-Silva was named a University of  
3 Texas at El Paso Top Ten Senior for 2023; and

4           WHEREAS, Presented by the UTEP Alumni Association, the award  
5 recognizes the university's most promising graduating or recently  
6 graduated seniors; honorees are chosen on the basis of multiple  
7 criteria, including academic achievement, involvement, leadership,  
8 and service, both in the community and on campus; and

9           WHEREAS, While working toward her biochemistry degree,  
10 Ms. Ronquillo-Silva was involved in the UTEP Edge initiative, which  
11 allowed her to work on campus while participating in student  
12 leadership and research experiences; moreover, she served as an  
13 undergraduate research assistant through the MERITUS and SURPASS  
14 Programs sponsored by the Campus Office of Undergraduate Research  
15 Initiatives; she also took part in the CARES Entrepreneurship  
16 Bootcamp, the Blackstone LaunchPad Fellowship, and the Blackstone  
17 LaunchPad Innovation in Life Sciences Camp; and

18           WHEREAS, Ms. Ronquillo-Silva hopes to become a university  
19 professor and dedicate herself to research, teaching, and  
20 mentorship; in addition, she has plans to launch a virtual platform  
21 to provide resources for female and nonbinary scientists; and

22           WHEREAS, Through the dedication she has demonstrated in all  
23 her endeavors, Sofia Ronquillo-Silva has built a strong foundation  
24 for continued achievement, and she is indeed deserving of this

1 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby congratulate Sofia Ronquillo-Silva on her  
4 receipt of a 2023 Top Ten Seniors Award from the UTEP Alumni  
5 Association and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future;  
6 and, be it further

7           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
8 prepared for Ms. Ronquillo-Silva as an expression of high regard by  
9 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 1799

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1799 was adopted by the House on May 25, 2023, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House