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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.