

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 357**

**WHEREAS,** The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Vanessa Novo on her participation and service in the prestigious Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education program; and

**WHEREAS,** Co-sponsored by Texas 4-H and Texas A&M University, the Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education program teaches youth about how agricultural systems affect global hunger and food security and how to implement sustainable systems to address gaps in food accessibility across populations; and

**WHEREAS,** Vanessa is an eighth grader from Georgetown and the treasurer of Liberty Hill 4-H and vice president of Williamson County 4-H; she was accepted in the GLOBE program and will travel with a group of students to the Texas A&M Soltis Center in Costa Rica in June; and

**WHEREAS,** As part of the program, the students traveled to Homestead Heritage in Waco and participated in a weekend activity that replicated living conditions in a third-world country; the students slept in yurts, fetched water from a well, and cooked their meals outdoors to better understand the challenges faced by people who live in the developing world; and

**WHEREAS,** A bright and capable student, Vanessa has organized a canned food drive to be held at her school with donations to be submitted in March, which is recognized as National Agriculture Month; her service project, called "Cans for Kids," encourages people to donate HEB-labeled cans marked with the Texas Department of Agriculture's "Go Texan" logo; and

**WHEREAS,** Not only does Vanessa's project support sustainable agriculture and bring awareness to hunger in her community, it benefits Texas agricultural producers and the Central Texas Food Bank, thereby combatting hunger among children and youth, a demographic that constitutes 34 percent of food bank clients; Vanessa is indeed deserving of special recognition for her creativity and for her contributions to the public good; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby commend Vanessa Novo on her acceptance into the Global Leadership Opportunities Beyond Education program and extend to her best wishes for continued success in her education and in all her future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 27, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate