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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Harmony Science Academy - El Paso and Harmony School 2 of Science in the Harmony Public Schools West Texas District have 3 been named 2023 State Schools of Character by Character.org; and WHEREAS, Each year, Character.org certifies schools and 4 5 school districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development that in turn has a positive effect on academic 6 7 achievement, student behavior, and school climate; to qualify for the School of Character designation, campuses must implement 8 9 comprehensive, multiyear character education programs and undergo a rigorous evaluation process; in 2023, only 15 schools in Texas and 10 11 73 schools across the nation received Character School honors; and 12 WHEREAS, Part of the Harmony Public Schools system, Harmony Science Academy - El Paso and Harmony School of Science are 13 14 tuition-free, open enrollment charter schools that serve students in the West Texas area; alongside a curriculum focused on science, 15 16 technology, engineering, and math, both campuses offer character education, which encourages students to develop and practice such 17 traits as integrity, determination, and empathy; and 18 WHEREAS, By fostering learning environments that emphasize 19 positive values and personal growth, Harmony Science Academy - El 20 21 Paso and Harmony School of Science are providing students with important instruction that will serve them well throughout their 22 23 lives, and each school's commitment to this endeavor is truly 24 commendable; now, therefore, be it

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- 1 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
- 2 hereby congratulate Harmony Science Academy El Paso and Harmony
- 3 School of Science on being named 2023 State Schools of Character by
- 4 Character.org and extend to all those associated with the schools
- 5 sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
- 7 for the schools as an expression of high regard by the Texas Senate.