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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, In March 2003, a group of 11 students from The
2 University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) traveled to Queretaro,
3 Mexico, to represent their school at the 22nd Regular Session of the
4 Model Organization of American States (OAS) General Assembly; and

5 WHEREAS, This Lone Star delegation was one of only three
6 American teams to be invited by the Government of Mexico and the OAS
7 General Secretariat to attend this prestigious public policy
8 competition; composed of students from the UTEP Center for
9 Inter-American and Border Studies, the team truly rose to the
10 occasion in its role as the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica and
11 captured numerous awards and accolades, including the titles of
12 Best Delegation in the Conference, Best Delegation in the General
13 Committee, Best Delegation in Economic and Social Affairs, and Best
14 Delegation in Administrative and Budgetary Matters; and

15 WHEREAS, The entire community of UTEP can be proud of the
16 exceptional achievements of faculty advisor Dr. Tony Payan and the
17 following students: Julie Flores, General Committee; Carlos
18 Rodriguez and Gerson Pedrozo, first committee of Juridical and
19 Political Matters; Christopher Ritchey, second committee A of
20 Economic and Social Matters; Lucy Zarate, second committee B of
21 Education, Scientific, and Cultural Matters; Jose Roberto Nakid,
22 public relations officer; Enrique Flores, who has been named vice
23 chairman of next year's third committee, Administrative and
24 Budgetary Matters; Valerie Ann Sanchez, who has been named

1 chairwoman of that same committee; Vince Vita, who has been named
2 chairman of next year's second committee B of Education,
3 Scientific, and Cultural Matters; and Eduardo Barbosa, who has been
4 named president of the 23rd Regular Session of the Model OAS General
5 Assembly; their accomplishments are all the more impressive
6 considering that this was the UTEP delegation's first foray into
7 international competition; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate the UTEP student delegation to the
10 22nd Regular Session of the Model OAS General Assembly and extend to
11 them warmest best wishes for continued success in their future
12 endeavors; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for these exemplary young Texans as an expression of high
15 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.