

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 497

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to congratulate Omar Ochoa on his recent election as student body president of The University of Texas at Austin; and

**WHEREAS**, Capturing 58 percent of the vote, Omar made history by becoming the first fully Hispanic candidate elected to serve as president; he will assume office at noon on April 5, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Omar campaigned on a platform of making higher education more affordable for everyone, which propelled him into office; Omar hopes to establish tax-free status for textbooks and guaranteed tuition rates; and

**WHEREAS**, Omar is a senior studying business, economics, and accounting; his father was the mayor of Edinburg for 10 years, and his example of civil service influenced his son; Omar hopes to use his position to make a difference in people's lives; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Omar Ochoa for his achievements and wish him luck in his future endeavors; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for him 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 April 4, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate