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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, An exemplary student received well-deserved recognition when Aiyana Minee Ponce was named a University of Texas at El Paso Top Ten Senior for 2020; and

WHEREAS, Presented by the UTEP Alumni Association, the award recognizes the university's most promising graduating or recently graduated seniors; honorees are chosen on the basis of multiple criteria, including academic achievement, involvement, leadership, and service, both in the community and on campus; and

WHEREAS, A cellular and molecular biochemistry major, Aiyana Ponce participated in three 10-week research programs and presented at the BUILDing SCHOLARS Symposium as well as at a number of national conferences; moreover, she served as president of the UTEP Medical Professions Organization, completed two travel abroad programs, including one at a hospital in Argentina, and coauthored an artistic research project; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her many accomplishments, Ms. Ponce received a Leader of Mines Award from the UTEP Student Engagement and Leadership Center in 2019; her future plans include opening a clinic that supports underrepresented groups and working to shape public policy; and

WHEREAS, Through the dedication she has demonstrated in all her endeavors, Aiyana Ponce has built a strong foundation for continued achievement, and she is indeed deserving of this prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby congratulate Aiyana Minee Ponce on her receipt of a 2020 Top Ten Seniors Award from the UTEP Alumni Association and extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Ms. Ponce as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.