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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, An exemplary student received well-deserved recognition when Flor Alejandra Urbina Araiza was named a University of Texas at El Paso Top Ten Senior for 2021; 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, Flor Araiza grew up in Juárez, Mexico, in humble circumstances; overcoming language and financial challenges to attend UTEP, she has majored in mechanical engineering, determined to surmount barriers to Latinas in that field; her academic performance has brought her many awards and opportunities, among them a study abroad scholarship that enabled her to travel to Prague, an invitation to the Google Hispanic Student Leadership Summit, and membership in the Society of Women Engineers Leadership Development Program and the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; she has completed internships at two Fortune 500 companies, Cummins and Microsoft; and

WHEREAS, Through the dedication she has demonstrated in all her endeavors, Flor Araiza 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 Flor Alejandra Urbina Araiza on her receipt of a 2021 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. Araiza as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.