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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, An exemplary student received well-deserved recognition when Andrea Daniella Mata 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, Andrea Mata has demonstrated a strong work ethic during her years at UTEP, where she has majored in sociology and earned such impressive awards as an Archer Fellowship and scholarships from the BUILDing SCHOLARS program, the Virginia G. Banos Endowed Scholarship Fund, and Houston Endowment, among others; and

WHEREAS, In addition to pursuing her studies, Ms. Mata has completed several research fellowships and served as an intern for U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke; in the fall of 2021, she will be attending Michigan State University on a full scholarship to earn a Ph.D. in special education, and she hopes to one day establish a nonprofit learning center for El Paso students with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Through the dedication she has demonstrated in all her endeavors, Andrea Daniella Mata 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 Andrea Daniella Mata 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. Mata as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.