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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Evan C. Walker of the U.S. Military Academy has been
2 selected as a Rhodes Scholar for 2021, and her receipt of this
3 prestigious international scholarship is yet another milestone in
4 the academic career of this impressive young woman; and

5 WHEREAS, Rhodes Scholars are invited to pursue a postgraduate
6 degree at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom, one of the
7 great universities of the world; Ms. Walker is one of only two
8 students from Texas to receive the scholarship this year, and she is
9 the first alumnus of the Garland Independent School District to be
10 so honored; and

11 WHEREAS, A native of Rowlett, Ms. Walker is in her final year
12 as a distinguished cadet at the United States Military Academy at
13 West Point, where she is a regimental commander, president of the
14 Elevation Initiative, which encourages minority cadets to pursue
15 leadership positions, and captain of the Army Boxing Team; she is
16 the 2019 champion of the National Collegiate Boxing Association
17 East Regional Competition in Bristol, Connecticut, and that same
18 year, she took second place in her weight class at the NCBA National
19 Competition in Reno, Nevada; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is a member of West Point's Excel
21 Scholars Program and the Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society,
22 and she is majoring in operations research, focusing on statistics
23 and linear algebra; her thesis analyzes the demographics of
24 promotion and attrition among field grade officers in the U.S.

1 Army; at Oxford, she plans to pursue a master of philosophy in
2 comparative social policy with a concentration on the intersection
3 between policy and inequalities in the workplace; and

4 WHEREAS, Evan Walker has inspired innumerable people through
5 her diligence, strength of character, and commitment to serve, and
6 as she prepares for the next exciting chapter of her educational
7 career, she may indeed look forward to a future bright with promise;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
10 Legislature hereby commend Evan C. Walker on her selection as a 2021
11 Rhodes Scholar and extend to her sincere best wishes for continued
12 success; and, be it further

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