

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Alina Arredondo of San Elizario has dedicated  
2 herself to raising awareness of the needs and challenges of people  
3 with disabilities; and

4           WHEREAS, Ms. Arredondo lives with a rare medical condition  
5 known as phocomelia, a congenital skeletal disorder characterized  
6 by missing or underdeveloped limbs; she received therapy during her  
7 childhood and teenage years and learned to perform day-to-day tasks  
8 like brushing her hair and dressing herself; through much hard work  
9 and determination, she was able to pursue her academic ambitions,  
10 and in the spring of 2020, she graduated from The University of  
11 Texas at El Paso with a master's degree in social work; and

12           WHEREAS, The difficulties that Ms. Arredondo has faced  
13 throughout her life have motivated her to act as an advocate for  
14 others; during her time as a student at UTEP, she spoke at the Texas  
15 State Capitol about issues related to the Americans with  
16 Disabilities Act; she hopes to devote her career to supporting and  
17 uplifting children who feel marginalized due to their own unique  
18 challenges; and

19           WHEREAS, Alina Arredondo has overcome great adversity to  
20 become the inspiring individual that she is today, and she may  
21 reflect with well-deserved pride on all that she has accomplished;  
22 now, therefore, be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby commend Alina Arredondo for her work as an

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1 advocate for persons with disabilities and extend to her sincere  
2 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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

González of El Paso

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 497 was adopted by the House on April 9, 2021, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House