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H.R. No. 497

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

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.