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H.R. No. 1364

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary student received well-deserved
2 recognition when Aiyana Minee Ponce was named a University of Texas
3 at El Paso Top Ten Senior for 2020; and

4 WHEREAS, Presented by the UTEP Alumni Association, the award
5 recognizes the university's most promising graduating or recently
6 graduated seniors; honorees are chosen on the basis of multiple
7 criteria, including academic achievement, involvement, leadership,
8 and service, both in the community and on campus; and

9 WHEREAS, A cellular and molecular biochemistry major, Aiyana
10 Ponce participated in three 10-week research programs and presented
11 at the BUILDING SCHOLARS Symposium as well as at a number of
12 national conferences; moreover, she served as president of the UTEP
13 Medical Professions Organization, completed two travel abroad
14 programs, including one at a hospital in Argentina, and coauthored
15 an artistic research project; and

16 WHEREAS, In recognition of her many accomplishments,
17 Ms. Ponce received a Leader of Mines Award from the UTEP Student
18 Engagement and Leadership Center in 2019; her future plans include
19 opening a clinic that supports underrepresented groups and working
20 to shape public policy; and

21 WHEREAS, Through the dedication she has demonstrated in all
22 her endeavors, Aiyana Ponce has built a strong foundation for
23 continued achievement, and she is indeed deserving of this
24 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
2 Legislature hereby congratulate Aiyana Minee Ponce on her receipt
3 of a 2020 Top Ten Seniors Award from the UTEP Alumni Association and
4 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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