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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, An exemplary student received well-deserved  
2 recognition when Carla M. Rodriguez was named a University of Texas  
3 at El Paso Top Ten Senior for 2021; 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, The first woman in her family to obtain an  
10 undergraduate degree, Ms. Rodriguez studied organizational and  
11 corporate communication at UTEP; during her college career, she has  
12 distinguished herself by making the dean's list, and she has  
13 balanced a challenging academic course load with work and speech  
14 and debate competitions, advancing to the semifinals at the Pi  
15 Kappa Delta National Tournament and the finals at the International  
16 Forensics Association tournament; she has received scholarships  
17 from the Women's Fund of El Paso, the Houston Endowment Fund, and  
18 the Public Leadership Education Network; and

19           WHEREAS, Ms. Rodriguez is a teaching assistant for the  
20 Department of Teacher Education, and she has participated in such  
21 organizations as the Campus Vote Project, the Creative Writing  
22 Society, and the Texas Rising campus chapter; she plans to pursue  
23 graduate work in legal studies and international law and then to  
24 attend law school; ultimately, she hopes to embark on a career as a

1 communications director and policy advisor in federal government or  
2 with a governmental nonprofit; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the dedication she has demonstrated in all  
4 her endeavors, Carla M. Rodriguez has built a strong foundation for  
5 continued achievement, and she is indeed deserving of this  
6 prestigious accolade; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby congratulate Carla M. Rodriguez on her receipt  
9 of a 2021 Top Ten Seniors Award from the UTEP Alumni Association and  
10 extend to her sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

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