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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Students from Riverside High School in El Paso 2 earned regional awards in the fields of environmental engineering 3 and applied mathematics in April 2019; and

WHEREAS, During the City of El Paso Environmental Services 4 5 Department's annual Earth Day celebration, officials hosted the first-ever Environment Excellence Recognition Program awards 6 7 ceremony; among the winners was Riverside High's solar technology program, which won the EERP award in the category of education; 8 established in 2017, the program is the first of its kind in the 9 nation to offer North American Board of Certified Energy 10 11 Practitioners associate photovoltaic certification, which allows 12 students to enter the workforce anywhere in North America in the solar energy industry upon graduating from high school; and 13

14 WHEREAS, Earlier in the month, a group of Riverside students won first place at the Prudential Math Challenge, where high school 15 16 teams from Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties competed to address a real-world issue using 17 mathematics; during the competition, 18 applied teams were sequestered for 12 hours and challenged to research and solve the 19 20 problem and to then present their findings in a research paper; as a 21 reward for winning the contest, the Riverside team took home a \$3,000 prize from The Prudential Foundation; and 22

WHEREAS, Through their hard work and dedication, these exceptional students have earned the respect and admiration of

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- 1 their classmates, teachers, and community, and they may indeed
- 2 reflect with pride on their achievements; now, therefore, be it
- 3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby congratulate the members of the Riverside High
- 5 School solar technology program and math team on earning regional
- 6 awards in environmental engineering and applied mathematics and
- 7 extend to all participants sincere best wishes for continued
- 8 success; and, be it further
- 9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 10 prepared for the students as an expression of high regard by the
- 11 Texas House of Representatives.