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**56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023**

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A MEMORIAL

COMMENDING TEXICO MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR EARNING A 2022 NATIONAL  
BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, the national blue ribbon schools program was  
created in 1982 by then United States secretary of education  
Terrel H. Bell to bring public attention to the best schools in  
the United States; and

WHEREAS, Texico middle school in Texico is one of three  
New Mexico schools honored by the 2022 national blue ribbon  
schools program; and

WHEREAS, Texico middle school was recognized for the honor  
by United States secretary of education Miguel Cardona; and

WHEREAS, the national blue ribbon schools program affirms  
and validates the hard work of students, educators, families  
and communities in striving for and attaining exemplary

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1 achievement; and

2 WHEREAS, the New Mexico schools were nominated by the  
3 public education department for this high national honor for  
4 improving student outcomes and closing achievement gaps in  
5 their classrooms; and

6 WHEREAS, Texico middle school principal DeeRae Timberlake  
7 attributed the blue ribbon designation to the extensive work of  
8 the school's educators and staff; and

9 WHEREAS, Texico middle school's instructional practices  
10 are supported with technology, and every student has access to  
11 a school-issued device allowing students to create and explore  
12 learning with limitless opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, the teachers at Texico middle school build  
14 academic relationships with students that create a respectful  
15 atmosphere for learning, allowing students to thrive socially,  
16 academically and personally;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
18 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Texico middle  
19 school be commended for being designated a 2022 national blue  
20 ribbon school; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the principal of Texico middle school.