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OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

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HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Han Wen Zhang of Clements High School for being selected as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Youth of the Year.

Han Wen, a senior at Clements High School, was submitted as a Youth of the Year by the Sugar Land Exchange Club. This honor recognizes students who have attained high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership. Han Wen embodies these characteristics. She is not only an AP National Scholar, but also fluent in English, Chinese and French. She has been issued a diploma of proficiency by The French Ministry of National Education and has taught French at Colony Bend Elementary School. Han Wen won first place in the Clements High School Texas French Symposium in the individual experienced division. She is also the President of the French National Honor Society and former President of the French Club. She has also worked on art projects with DePelchin Center and Advocates of Healthy Minds in Fort Bend County. Having achieved so much in her young life, we can only imagine the great accomplishments that lie in her future.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to Han Wen Zhang for being selected as the Exchange Club of Sugar Land's Youth of the Year. Our community is very proud of her and can't wait to see what she does next.