

By: King of Uvalde

H.R. No. 1379

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The tragic passing of Maranda Gail Mathis of Uvalde  
2 on May 24, 2022, at the age of 11, brought an unimaginable loss to  
3 the many people who loved and cherished her; and

4 WHEREAS, Maranda Mathis was born in Gainesville, Florida, on  
5 May 6, 2011, to Deanna Gornto and Brian Mathis Jr.; she grew up with  
6 the companionship of a brother, Bruce, and she was further blessed  
7 with the affectionate support of her grandfather and  
8 great-grandmother and a host of aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

9 WHEREAS, Shy and sweet, Maranda enjoyed spending time  
10 outdoors, where her pursuits included collecting rocks, shells, and  
11 feathers; she had a kind heart, an engaging smile, and a vivid  
12 imagination, and she often expressed her love for unicorns and  
13 mermaids, particularly those that were her favorite colors, purple  
14 and pink; and

15 WHEREAS, Although her time on this earth was far too brief,  
16 Maranda Gail Mathis was a ray of light in the lives of those who held  
17 her dear, and they will never forget the abundant happiness that she  
18 brought to them; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Maranda Gail Mathis  
21 and extend deepest condolences to the members of her family: to her  
22 parents, Deanna Gornto and Brian Mathis Jr.; to her grandfather,  
23 Brian Mathis Sr.; to her great-grandmother, Margie Mathis; to her  
24 brother, Bruce Mathis; to her aunts, Angela Turner, Pamela Lucas,

1 Jean Gornto, Barbara Miller, and Carol Miller; to her uncles,  
2 Melvin Mathis, Ted Gornto Sr., Quinten Mathis, James D. Miller, and  
3 Greg Garland; to her numerous cousins; and to the countless others  
4 in Uvalde and beyond who mourn her passing; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maranda  
8 Mathis.