

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 587

In Memory  
of  
Maranda Gail Mathis

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

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

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

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

**RESOLVED,** That the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Maranda Gail Mathis and extend deepest condolences to the members of her family: to her parents, Deanna Gornto and Brian Mathis Jr.; to her grandfather, Brian Mathis Sr.; to her great-grandmother, Margie Mathis; to her brother, Bruce Mathis; to her aunts, Angela

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

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for her family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maranda Mathis.

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Alvarado	Hinojosa	Nichols
Bettencourt	Huffman	Parker
Birdwell	Hughes	Paxton
Blanco	Johnson	Perry
Campbell	King	Schwertner
Creighton	Kolkhorst	Sparks
Eckhardt	LaMantia	Springer
Flores	Menéndez	West
Hall	Middleton	Whitmire
Hancock	Miles	Zaffirini

Patrick, President of the Senate

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate