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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 Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
20 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Maranda Gail Mathis and extend  
21 deepest condolences to the members of her family: to her parents,  
22 Deanna Gornto and Brian Mathis Jr.; to her grandfather, Brian  
23 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 Senate adjourns this  
7 day, it do so in memory of Maranda Mathis.