

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Chief Warrant Officer
2 Johnny Villarreal Mata of Pecos have sustained a great loss with the
3 death of this courageous soldier in the Iraqi campaign at the age of
4 35; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Mata was among a group of
6 soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company that was ambushed by
7 Iraqi forces on March 23, 2003, in southern Iraq; before being
8 deployed to the Persian Gulf, he was stationed at Fort Bliss in El
9 Paso; and

10 WHEREAS, This respected Texan attended Pecos High School and
11 played for the school's football team; he received his diploma in
12 1986; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans owe an immeasurable debt to their military
14 personnel, who have served valiantly throughout this country's
15 history and whose efforts and sacrifice in their nation's behalf
16 are deserving of their fellow citizens' deepest gratitude; and

17 WHEREAS, Through his unfaltering devotion to duty, honor, and
18 his country, Chief Warrant Officer Mata embodied the highest ideals
19 of the armed service, and the blessing of his life will be forever
20 cherished by those who were privileged to share his love and
21 friendship; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Chief Warrant
24 Officer Johnny Villarreal Mata and extend sincere sympathy to his

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1 parents, Domingo and Elvira Mata, and to his other relatives and
2 many friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
5 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chief
6 Warrant Officer Johnny Villarreal Mata.

Gallego

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 889 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House