

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 497

In Memory
of
Johnny Villareal Mata

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata of Amarillo, who died March 23, 2003, at the age of 35 while serving his country in Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Mata was serving in Iraq with the 507th Army Ordnance Maintenance Company based at Fort Bliss; he and other members of his unit were ambushed by Iraqi forces in Nasiriyah after they stopped to repair stalled vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Johnny grew up in the small town of Pecos; he played football in high school and joined the army as a teenager to start his career; he was married and had two children; and

WHEREAS, Officer Mata was a brave soldier who gave his life for his country; for his service and his unwavering patriotism, the citizens of this state and the nation are eternally grateful; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Chief Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata and extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that

when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Chief
Warrant Officer Johnny Villareal Mata.

Shapleigh

Averitt
Brimer
Carona
Deuell
Duncan
Ellis
Eltife
Estes
Fraser
Gallegos

Harris
Hegar
Hinojosa
Jackson
Janek
Lucio
Nelson
Nichols
Ogden
Patrick

Seliger
Shapiro
Uresti
Van de Putte
Watson
Wentworth
West
Whitmire
Williams
Zaffirini

Dewhurst, President of the Senate

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the
above Resolution was adopted by
the Senate on March 19, 2007, by a
rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate