

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 336

WHEREAS, Over the course of his highly successful career in country music, Tracy Byrd has demonstrated an enduring interest in using his celebrity to help others, and he has been especially generous in his efforts to benefit charitable causes in Southeast Texas; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Beaumont area, Mr. Byrd got his start as a performer in the city's music clubs, and his undeniable talent led to a recording contract in 1992; hit singles and best-selling albums soon followed, but even as his stature has grown large in the Nashville music industry, he has maintained close ties to the Texas communities where he was raised; and

WHEREAS, This caring musician continually sought ways to give back to his fellow Texans, and in the late 1990s, he began staging the annual Tracy Byrd Homecoming Weekend in Beaumont; this popular event includes golf and fishing tournaments as well as a concert, and it has raised more than \$1 million to fund children's charities in the area; among the projects underwritten by the proceeds was the creation of a hyperbaric medicine and wound care center at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Beaumont, which has been named in honor of Mr. Byrd; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, he has expanded the event to include fellow southeast Texas singers Mark Chesnutt and Zona Jones, creating a three-day fund-raiser known as the Beaumont Boys Bash; in 2009, the bash will take place October 23 through 25 and will benefit the Children's Miracle Network, Netcasters

Youth Ministries, the Garth House, the Boy Scouts, and the Southeast Texas Humane Society; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Byrd has distinguished himself as a performer and recording artist of great ability who is also dedicated to assisting those in need, and his admirable work is greatly appreciated by the residents of the Golden Triangle area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 81st Legislature, hereby honor Tracy Byrd for his ongoing charitable work in Southeast Texas and extend to him sincere best wishes for success in all of his endeavors; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Mr. Byrd as an expression of high regard from the Texas Senate.

Williams, Huffman

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 2, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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