

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 104

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to join the citizens of Beaumont in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of pioneering athlete Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias; and

**WHEREAS**, Widely considered the world's greatest female athlete, Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias was born June 26, 1911, and grew up in Beaumont; over the course of her stellar athletic career, she brought international fame to her hometown and her state; and

**WHEREAS**, Named to the list of Top 10 Athletes of the 20th century by the Associated Press and ESPN, she was a two-time All American basketball player and singlehandedly won the 1932 Amateur Athletic Union track and field team championship; she won two gold medals and a silver medal at the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, She perhaps found her greatest fame as a golfer, helping to found the Ladies Professional Golf Association and once winning 17 consecutive tournaments; she was the first American woman to win the British Amateur and is the only woman in the history of the men's Professional Golfers Association Tour to earn prize money, which she did twice, including winning the Phoenix Pro-Am event by defeating legends Byron Nelson and Sam Snead; and

**WHEREAS**, In acknowledgement of her many accomplishments and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of her birth, the City of Beaumont has declared June of 2011 to be Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias Month, with a golf tournament, dinner, and auction to be held to raise money for the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Foundation; it is truly fitting that she be recognized for her groundbreaking achievements; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life and legacy of Mildred "Babe" Didrikson Zaharias and extend best wishes to the people of Beaumont for a memorable celebration; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared in honor of this special occasion.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 24, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate